

***airBaltic* launches scheduled flights to Dubai**

Riga, 4 December 2006: This winter, Latvian airline *airBaltic*, member of SAS group, is to launch scheduled flights from Riga to Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates. The first flight will depart on 26 December this year. In this way, *airBaltic* is offering travellers who want to escape the Scandinavian winter the chance to celebrate the New Year and pass their free time in a country with a warm and sunny climate.

“In the winter, many people choose destinations which allow them to escape from the winter. *airBaltic* is reacting rapidly to travellers’ demand by offering them the chance to enjoy a warm summer in Dubai, rather than a cold winter,” *airBaltic* commercial director Jan Lundborg said. The scheduled flights from Riga to Dubai mean that travellers can visit the pearl of the United Arab Emirates, which is attracting the world’s attention with its giant real-estate projects, its developed and well-organised tourism industry, its wide beaches and its lively and active night life, he added.

The first flight from Riga to Dubai will depart on 26 December. Subsequent flights will depart every Saturday throughout the winter season, until 24 March 2007. Ticket prices will start at DKK 1795 or SEK2185, or NOK1985 one way (airport taxes included). Flights will be operated with a Boeing 737 aircraft and will last 7 hours 10 minutes.

Tickets for flights to Dubai can be bought online at the *airBaltic* website, www.airbaltic.lv, ticket offices and travel agencies.

***airBaltic* in brief**

AIR BALTIC CORPORATION (*airBaltic*) is a joint-stock company founded in 1995. The main shareholders are the Latvian state (52.6%) and airline SAS AB (47.2%). In the first half of 2006 the airline’s turnover reached 50.85 million lats, an increase of 33% over 2005. The airline’s consolidated financial result for the first half of 2006 was a profit of 984 000 lats.

The *airBaltic* fleet consists of sixteen aircraft of types Boeing 737-500 and Fokker-50. *airBaltic* operates direct flights from two Baltic capitals: Riga (33 routes) and Vilnius (14 routes), as well as operating direct flights between Kaliningrad and Copenhagen.

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