



# AIRBALTIC LEADS GROWTH IN BALTIC REGION

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* has achieved the fastest growth in passenger numbers among the top carriers serving the Baltic region in the peak summer month of July.

**Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*:** “We thank our customers for choosing to fly with *airBaltic* during the busiest travel season. As a result, we have achieved the fastest growth across all of the Baltic markets, and now outpace the largest carriers operating in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania.”

In July 2016, *airBaltic* achieved +28% passengers in Vilnius, +4% in its home base in Riga, and +22% growth in passenger numbers in Tallinn compared to the same month a year ago. The growth in *airBaltic* passenger numbers is higher than the average passenger growth figures in the three capital airports. In July 2016 *airBaltic* carried 25 677 passengers from Vilnius, compared to 20 138 a year ago, 299 661 from Riga (288 879 in July 2015), while the number of passengers travelling from Tallinn has increased to a total of 34 109 passengers boarding *airBaltic* planes, compared to 27 895 a year ago.

As previously informed, *airBaltic* has improved its offering in Tallinn and Vilnius by opening additional direct services. As part of its *Horizon 2021* plan, *airBaltic* will operate 11 direct routes

out of Tallinn and Vilnius in the next five years, in combination with convenient transfers via Riga.

*airBaltic* serves over 60 destinations from its home base in Riga, Latvia. From every one of these locations, *airBaltic* offers convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers new direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.



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