HIGH PASSENGER DEMAND FOR AIRBALTIC'S FLIGHTS TO ABU DHABI

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* in cooperation with Etihad Airways will launch a direct service between Riga and Abu Dhabi on October 29, 2017. So far passengers have made over 9 000 bookings on this connection.

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: "Abu Dhabi is a major international hub with 25 million passengers. It opens up endless possibilities of planning exotic trips from Riga thanks to our cooperation with *Etihad Airways*. Most popular such destinations booked at *airBaltic* homepage have so far been Colombo, Seychelles, Phuket, Melbourne and Sydney."

***airBaltic's* service to Abu Dhabi has been popular among travelers outside Latvia as well, as 30% of the bookings currently come from transfer passengers mostly from Scandinavia and the Baltics.**

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The inaugural flight between the two cities is already sold out. Moreover, *airBaltic* has seen additional demand for the flight to the Formula Grand Prix, which will take place in Abu Dhabi in the last weekend of November.

Route	Flight frequency	Start date	Price*, Basic	Price*, Premium	Price*, Business
Riga – Abu Dhabi	4 flights weekly	29 October 2017	129 EUR	249 EUR	799 EUR

**Lowest fare, including taxes, fees and service charges, on www.airBaltic.com, subject to availability*

airBaltic will operate the Riga – Abu Dhabi route 4 times weekly. Passengers will board a *Bombardier CS300* aircraft for a flight that will last 6 hours and 15 minutes. One-way ticket prices start at 129 EUR, including airport fees and transaction costs. A full schedule of *airBaltic* flights can be found on the company's homepage at www.airbaltic.com .

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 direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.

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