



## RIYADH AIR LAUNCHES KUALA LUMPUR SERVICE, ESTABLISHING ITS FIRST GATEWAY INTO SOUTHEAST ASIA

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Riyadh Air celebrated the launch of its inaugural service between Riyadh and Kuala Lumpur, establishing its first gateway into Southeast Asia. The inaugural event was celebrated in both cities, kicking off at the check-in at King Khalid International Airport (RUH) with airline and airport executives, and continued at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Operating three times weekly, the new nonstop service marks a strategic expansion for Riyadh Air, strengthening connectivity between Saudi Arabia and Malaysia, one of Southeast Asia's most dynamic markets.

Tony Douglas, CEO of Riyadh Air, commented: "Today's inaugural flight to Kuala Lumpur is a defining moment for Riyadh Air as we establish our footprint in Southeast Asia. This route is far more than a direct connection between two capital cities; it builds a vital bridge between Saudi Arabia and the broader ASEAN region. By facilitating seamless travel for business, tourism, and education, we are actively supporting Vision 2030 while delivering an elevated, digitally led travel experience for our guests."

Dato' Mohd Izani Ghani, The Managing Director of Malaysia Airports, stated: "Riyadh Air's decision to make Kuala Lumpur its first destination in Southeast Asia is significant for KLIA and for Malaysia. As the ninth Middle Eastern airline to serve KLIA, its entry further strengthens our connectivity with a region that is an increasingly important market for tourism, trade, and investment. For Malaysia Airports, this is about continuing to build a network that gives guests greater choice while strengthening KLIA's role as a gateway between Southeast Asia and the rest of the world. We look forward to supporting Riyadh Air as it establishes its presence here and grows its connectivity through Kuala Lumpur."



| Flight                                               | Freq.                      | Flight # | Departure Time | Arrival Time |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------|--------------|
| From RUH to Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) | 3x Weekly<br>Tue, Thu, Sat | RX 0863  | 10:50 PM       | 11:50 AM+1   |
| From KUL to King Khalid International Airport (RUH)  | 3x Weekly<br>Tue, Thu, Sat | RX0864   | 4:45 PM        | 7:45 PM      |

Riyadh Air worked closely with Saudi Arabia's Air Connectivity Program, the executive enabler of the National Tourism and Aviation Strategies, in launching the new Riyadh–Kuala Lumpur service. The route strengthens ties between Saudi Arabia and Malaysia, supporting growing demand across tourism, business, education, trade, and religious travel, while advancing the Kingdom's Vision 2030 ambitions to position Riyadh as a leading global aviation hub. It also supports the continued growth of religious travel, offering Malaysian Umrah and Hajj pilgrims enhanced access

to Saudi Arabia while providing Saudi travelers with a seamless gateway to explore Malaysia and the wider Southeast Asian region.

Beyond serving as a direct capital-to-capital link, the new service offers guests a seamless nonstop travel experience between Riyadh and Kuala Lumpur, connecting two dynamic economies while supporting stronger ties across tourism, business, education, trade, and religious travel.



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