



# AIR MALTA AND AIRBALTIC TO START CODESHARE FLIGHTS

News / Airlines



The Latvian airline *airBaltic* and the national airline of the Maltese Islands – *Air Malta* have concluded a cooperation agreement, known as code-share agreement. This partnership with *Air Malta* will enable *airBaltic* passengers to reach Malta every day via common gateways in Europe as well as additional destinations served from Malta. In turn this agreement will offer *Air Malta* passengers better connectivity to the Baltics and Eastern Europe.

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: “We are delighted to collaborate with *Air Malta* thus further improving our strong network of codeshare partner airlines that ensures smooth and seamless travel for *airBaltic* customers. The new codeshare agreement will improve *airBaltic* services between Malta and the Baltics allowing passengers to connect every day on this route via such common gateways as Vienna, Munich, Brussels, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, London, Geneva, Zurich among others.”

Paul Sies, Chief Commercial Officer at *Air Malta*: “This agreement is yet another milestone for *Air Malta* in its growth strategy and widening its network. We are rapidly changing, transforming our business model to a hybrid carrier whilst rapidly increasing our frequencies on existing routes, we are opening new destinations and adding partnerships to the network. This agreement continues to expand and improve our network and adds to

our range of codeshare partners with other like-minded quality airlines. Both *Air Malta* and *airBaltic* share the same commitment towards their customers and we are excited to work with them for the benefit of our mutual customers.”

*Air Malta* will place its flight code KM on direct flights Malta – Riga operated by *airBaltic* as well as connecting flights between Malta and the Baltics, whilst *airBaltic* will put its code BT on flights from Riga, Vilnius, and Tallinn to Malta as well as to Catania (Italy) via common gateways.

*Air Malta* connects Malta with around 30 major cities across Europe, North Africa and the Mediterranean. Working together with partner airlines, the airline offers convenient connections to many more destinations in North America and the Middle East.

*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, Russia, CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.

#### ***airBaltic* in brief:**

***airBaltic*** (AIR BALTIC CORPORATION) is the world's most punctual airline connecting the Baltic region with over 60 destinations in Europe, the Middle East, and the CIS. *airBaltic* is a joint stock company that was established in 1995. Its primary shareholder is the Latvian state, which holds 80.05% of the stock, while Lars Thuesen holds around 20% through his fully-owned Aircraft Leasing 1 SIA. The *airBaltic* fleet consists of 30 aircraft – 7 *Bombardier* CS300, 11 Boeing 737 and 12 *Bombardier* Q400Next Gen. *airBaltic* has received numerous international awards for excellence, innovative services, and achievements in reshaping its business. In 2012, *airBaltic* was ranked by Airlinetrends among the Top 10 airlines globally for innovations. *airBaltic* achieved the best on-time performance globally in 2014, 2015 and 2017.

01 FEBRUARY 2018

#### **ARTICLE LINK:**

<https://50skyshades.com/news/airlines/air-malta-and-airbaltic-to-start-codeshare-flights>