



# AIRBALTIC LAUNCHES DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN RIGA AND ABU DHABI

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* in cooperation with the national airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Etihad Airways, yesterday, on October 29 launched a direct service between Riga and Abu Dhabi. The new route offers convenient connections to passengers travelling from the Baltics to the UAE capital and further to key destinations in Australia, Asia, Africa and the Middle East, as well as new travelling opportunities from Abu Dhabi to Europe.

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: “We are delighted to launch the new Riga – Abu Dhabi route. Thanks to our cooperation with *Etihad Airways* we can now offer our customers brand new flying experience flying with the world’s most modern jet aircraft CS300 to the Middle East and beyond for affordable prices.”

Until now passengers have made over 9 000 bookings on the Riga – Abu Dhabi route and it is popular among travelers from Latvia and outside, as 30% of the bookings currently come from transfer passengers mostly from Scandinavia and the Baltics. 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.

| *Lowest fare, including taxes, fees and service charges, on <a href="http://www.airBaltic.com">www.airBaltic.com</a> , subject to availability |                  |              |               |                 |                  |
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| Route                                                                                                                                          | Flight frequency | Start date   | Price*, Basic | Price*, Premium | Price*, Business |
| Riga – Abu Dhabi                                                                                                                               | 4 flights weekly | October 2017 | 129 EUR       | 249 EUR         | 799 EUR          |

*airBaltic* operates the Riga – Abu Dhabi route 4 times weekly. Passengers will board a Bombardier CRJ-900 aircraft for a flight that will last 1 hour 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](http://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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