



# GARUDA INDONESIA OPENS DENPASAR-GUANGZHOU FLIGHT TO EXPAND CHINESE MARKET

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**As part of its continuous network expansion program, particularly of the Chinese market, Garuda Indonesia on Sunday (11. 22) officially launched a direct flight from Denpasar-Guangzhou.**

The launching of the Denpasar-Guangzhou service was carried out jointly by the Director of Services Garuda Indonesia, Nicodemus P. Lampe and Garuda Indonesia Branch Office Denpasar and Syamsuddin Jusuf Souib and at Ngurah Rai International Airport, Denpasar, Bali.

Garuda Indonesia flies the Denpasar-Guangzhou (GA896) route three (3) times a week, every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday with a departure from Denpasar scheduled at 11:45 a.m. WITA and arriving in Guangzhou at 5:00 a.m. (local time). Meanwhile, the Guangzhou-Denpasar route (GA897) is flown every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Departure time from Guangzhou is at 6:15 a.m. and arrives in Denpasar at 12:00 p.m. WITA. On this new route, Garuda operates a Boeing 737-800 NG with a capacity of 12 passengers in business class and 150 passengers in economy class.

Garuda Indonesia's Director of Services, Nicodemus P. Lampe said that the Denpasar-Guangzhou vv service is part of the airlines network expansion strategy, especially to China. China is a very important market for Garuda Indonesia and the Airline will continue to develop services to this country, explained Nicodemus.

With the launching of this new Denpasar Guangzhou service, Garuda now flies to China 24 times a week, to Shanghai-Jakarta vv (7 times), Beijing-Jakarta (4 times), Beijing-Denpasar (3 times), Guangzhou-Jakarta (7 times) and the newest service, Denpasar-Guangzhou Denpasar (3 times), added Nicodemus.

Now, more than ever, Garuda Indonesia is ready to cash in on the huge potential Chinese market, as Chinese tourists visiting Indonesia between January-August 2015 reached 489,233 tourists or an increase of 25.56 percent compared to the same period in 2014, which only reached 389,627 tourists, added Nicodemus.

Furthermore, Garuda Indonesias flight from China to Denpasar will also connect with other domestic services across the archipelago, including among others; Yogyakarta, Ujung Pandang, Manado, Labuan Bajo, and various other tourist destinations that are constantly being developed by the government.

Apart from flying to Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou, Garuda Indonesia also flies 21 times a week to Hong Kong, including Hong Kong-Jakarta (14 times) and Hong Kong-Denpasar (7 times).

### **About PT Garuda Indonesia (Persero) Tbk.**

Presenting a new level of service excellence in air travel, Garuda Indonesia, the national airline of Indonesia, seamlessly connects more than 75 destinations worldwide to not only one of the largest economies in Southeast Asia, but also an array of exotic locations in the beautiful archipelago of Indonesia all at once. With close to 600 daily flights and a fleet of 169 aircraft with an average age of less than five years old, Garuda Indonesia proudly serves its passengers with the award-winning "Garuda Indonesia Experience" service, which highlights Indonesia's warm hospitality and rich diverse culture.

The airline continuously strives, through its ongoing transformation program, to provide better and more convenient services with one of the youngest fleets in the sky, which should grow to around 190 aircraft by 2015. The progress of Garuda Indonesia's transformation program can be seen from achieving a Skytrax's 5-star airline rating, one of the world's 10 best airline, as well as winning the prestigious "The World's Best Cabin Crew" award for two consecutive years in 2014 and 2015, and "The World's Best Economy Class" award in 2013, also from Skytrax. Garuda Indonesia is a member of SkyTeam, the global airline alliance with 20 members, providing access to an extensive global network with over 16,320 daily flights to 1,052 destinations in 177 countries.

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