

Etihad and Batik air announce codeshare deal

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Abu Dhabi: UAE's flag carrier Etihad Airways and Malaysian airline Batik Air announced the launch of a codeshare partnership to boost connectivity for passengers of both airlines.

The agreement will enable passengers to connect to five locations in Malaysia, including Langkawi, Penang, and Kota Kinabalu - the gateway to Borneo's highest peak- on a single ticket. UAE passengers from Abu Dhabi can also travel to Malaysian domestic destinations, including Johor Bahru and Tawau.

The partnership also provides travellers with access to three international destinations, including Hanoi and Da Nang in Vietnam and Perth, Australia. Medan and Hong Kong are set to be added in the near future, Etihad Airways said in a statement.

Arik De, Etihad's Chief Revenue and Commercial Officer, said, "This

collaboration significantly enhances our codeshare network, offering travellers seamless access to five key destinations in Malaysia.”

“Equally, we eagerly anticipate extending a warm welcome to customers from Asia visiting our home in Abu Dhabi, experiencing our renowned hospitality, as well as passengers connecting to Etihad’s growing global network in the Middle East, Africa, and Europe via our Abu Dhabi hub.”

Batik’s network is now easily accessible to customers, who can connect via its gateway in Kuala Lumpur, which is served by twice-daily Etihad flights from Abu Dhabi, the airline said.

Datuk Chandran Rama Muthy, Chief Executive Officer of Batik Air Malaysia, said, “We aim to establish Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) as a transit hub, further enhancing Etihad’s connectivity for its passengers, ensuring a more comprehensive and convenient travel experience,” he said, adding that Etihad passengers can easily transit through KUL to reach various destinations in Malaysia, Southeast Asia, Australia, and beyond.

“Moreover, this partnership will expand flight choices for Malaysian travellers, offering enhanced travel options to discover new international destinations beyond Abu Dhabi.”

The new codeshare is in operation now for flights commencing July 16. The agreement with Batik makes for Etihad’s 38th codeshare partner.

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