

## Malaysia Airlines resumes pre-covid schedule to London

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Dhaka: Malaysia Airlines is now back to its pre-covid schedule to London Heathrow (LHR), operating two flights daily from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL).

The airline has come a long way since the peak of the pandemic and has gradually increased flights to LHR over time.

Before this, Malaysia Airlines was flying to London 11 times a week but has now upped the schedule to 14 a week as passengers make a comeback. The carrier deploys its Airbus A350 aircraft to the city and has been operating the type to LHR since 2018.

Reports cited Daniel Bainbridge, Regional Director, UK and Europe, Malaysia Airlines, saying that the airline's connecting traffic has been "phenomenal" with a "significant proportion" of passengers flying from London to Kuala Lumpur connecting to the carrier's flights across South East Asia and with its

services to six points in Australia.

Speaking about Malaysia Airlines' flights to London, Bainbridge commented, "Demand from the UK has been staggering. We've seen a mix of leisure and corporate traffic, but corporate has really picked up since Easter. TMC business has gone from almost nothing to very significant in the last month."

"People leaving it late to book could be in for a surprise. As soon as you know your travel dates, book them. We have 33 seats in business class and if you try and get one in July it could be difficult."

Malaysia Airlines hopes to break even in 2023 amid positive signs of recovery. Lau Yin May, Group Chief Marketing and Customer Experience Officer, commented in June that the carrier has already reached more than 50 per cent of its pre-pandemic flight bookings and projects to reach more than 70 per cent by the end of 2022.

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