HIGH PASSENGER DEMAND FOR AIRBALTIC'S FLIGHTS TO ABU DHABI

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* in cooperation with Etihad Airways will launch a direct service between Riga and Abu Dhabi on October 29, 2017. So far passengers have made over 9 000 bookings on this connection.

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: "Abu Dhabi is a major international hub with 25 million passengers. It opens up endless possibilities of planning exotic trips from Riga thanks to our cooperation with *Etihad Airways*. Most popular such destinations booked at *airBaltic* homepage have so far been Colombo, Seychelles, Phuket, Melbourne and Sydney."

***airBaltic's* service to Abu Dhabi has been popular among travelers outside Latvia as well, as 30% of the bookings currently come from transfer passengers mostly from Scandinavia and the Baltics.**

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The inaugural flight between the two cities is already sold out. 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.

airBaltic will operate the Riga – Abu Dhabi route 4 times weekly. Passengers will board a *Bombardier CS300* aircraft for a flight that will last 6 hours 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 .

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.

**Lowest fare, including taxes, fees and service charges, on www.airBaltic.com, subject to availability*

Route	Flight frequency	Start date	Price*, Basic	Price*, Premium	Price*, Business
Riga – Abu Dhabi	4 flights weekly	29 October 2017	129 EUR	249 EUR	799 EUR

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