

flydubai adding 'green' aircraft to its fleet

Rising fuel prices and reducing carbon footprint have become important aspects for an airline. flydubai understands the need of the hour and has thus ordered 54 next generation '737-800' aircraft from Boeing, scheduled to be delivered between 2011-2015.

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These aircraft have CFM56-7B engines and winglets that help the airline to pay for what they emit.



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Winglets are one of the most striking characteristics of Boeing 737-800 NG aircraft. Though they look small addi-

tions yet they add an extra 1.4 metre to the wingspan.

These are aerodynamically designed to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions by 5 per cent and carbon dioxide emissions by around 4 per cent and create less noise too. This is thus going to be the most environment-friendly aircraft of flydubai.

"At flydubai we invest on efficient technology thus reducing cost that are passed on to our customers."

With all the qualities needed in an aircraft for safety, comfort and fuel economy, 737-800 has maximum ability to be more fuel efficient and has the capability to

increase its range too," informed Ghaith Al Ghaith, CEO, flydubai.

flydubai is working towards achieving its ambitious goal with the help of their travel partners. The airlines create awareness among the travel trade about lesser cost, pay upfront for future sales. This helps to make the airline visible in the market too.

New features

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- Environment-friendly aircraft

IndiGo to launch Delhi-Dubai flight in September

Come September 1 and IndiGo will start its first international flight. Touching down in Dubai, it will connect Delhi with its Dubai-Delhi-Dubai route. The airline also plans to launch its service between Mumbai and Dubai in October 2011.

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After five years of domestic service, IndiGo, the low cost airline of India is all set to step up its services with its first international destination. Its flight between Delhi and Dubai will fly on September 1, this year. It will also follow this service with daily flights to Dubai from Mumbai in October 2011. The airline is offering promotional return fare of AED 816 (all inclusive) on both its routes, Dubai-Delhi-Dubai and Dubai-Mumbai-Dubai. It also plans to launch flights to Bangkok and Singapore, connecting them with both Delhi and Mumbai in September 2011.

The airline has appointed Al Rais Travel and Shipping Agencies LLC as its General Sales Agent (GSA)



for UAE. It will cater to both business and leisure travellers on its flights.

"IndiGo will keep providing low fares on international routes as well. We hope that IndiGo will be able to provide the much needed avenue for countless Indians to explore wider horizons and open up doors to more overseas travellers to experience India," informed Aditya Ghosh, President, IndiGo.

A low cost airline, IndiGo has a market share of 19.7 per cent. It aims to build

Flying high

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Mumbai-Dubai-Mumbai in October
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on its USP that is low fare, timely service and hassle-free journey. With its international flights, it will cash in on Dubai's shopping, leisure and business avenues. 📌

Garuda Indonesia offers exclusive luxury

Travel agents can give a feeling of exclusivity and luxury by booking tickets for their clients on Garuda International Airlines. The airline has recently introduced complimentary limousine services for executive class passengers.

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Garuda International Airlines or Garuda Indonesia is also offering introductory fares as well as holiday packages on the occasion of its first anniversary in the UAE in June.

With its limousine service, the airline is offering luxurious experience to passengers, both in air and on land. The complimentary limousine pick-and-drop service is



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arranged between anywhere in the UAE to Dubai Airport and vice versa.

"We also have last minute upgrade facility to business class ex DXB to JKT or AMS for USD 1,000 on any RBD subject to availability at the airport. By purchasing Dubai-Jakarta trip you can get an opportunity to explore Indonesia with a complimentary ticket to Palembang/Jambi/Yogyakarta/Semarang/Solo/Surabaya/Ma-

lang/Batam/Palangkaraya/Pontianak," informed Rehman Sheriff, Sales Manager, UAE & Oman, Garuda Indonesia Airlines, Sharaf Travel.

"Our relation with the travel agents is very important. Our sales team constantly updates the travel trade with various destinations and services," he added. The airline is also among the first to introduce 'Immigration on Board' services. It is now offering 'Visa

on Arrival' facilities onboard on its new route also. This has made Garuda Indonesia the world's first airline to offer such services.

The 'Visa on Arrival' facility is only for tourists visiting Indonesia, not for expatriates who intend to work and live for an extended period of time.

The Pay-for-Visa-On-Arrival system is allowed to friends and family for citizens of 63 nations. Listed as 4-star airline by Skytrax and among Skytrax's Quality Approved Airlines, Garuda Indonesia started its service to Dubai in June last year. It has daily non-stop flights from Dubai to Jakarta and Amsterdam. The airline has also announced its plan to join Sky Team Airline Alliance by 2012 and aims to be rated 5-star airline by 2013. 📌

Travel Designer extends vote of thanks to the travel trade

Travel Designer Group hosted a function to extend its appreciation to the travel trade of the UAE that has shown tremendous support to its B2B Global Reservation System RezLive.com. The event was organised in early July in Dubai with members of the travel trade from Dubai and Abu Dhabi in attendance.

