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## **AirAsia to increase services to Maldives with additional frequencies and exceptional promo from only RM199\* one-way**

**SEPANG, 8 January 2018** – AirAsia is increasing its Maldives operations with the commencement of additional services to be operated by its long-haul affiliate AirAsia X, in addition to the daily flights currently operated by AirAsia Malaysia.

AirAsia X will operate a four times weekly Kuala Lumpur-Malé service under the D7 airline code utilising Airbus A330-300 aircraft, equivalent to an incremental 156,000 seats per year, from 6 February 2018.

Introductory promotional fares from as low as RM199\* are available on [airasia.com](http://airasia.com) for all Maldives flights from now until 14 January 2018 for immediate travel until 6 May 2018. Guests travelling on AirAsia X can also book the award-winning Premium Flatbed from only RM699\* as part of this promotion.

**AirAsia X Head of Commercial Barry Klipp** said, "As the only airline servicing direct flights to Maldives from Kuala Lumpur, our short-haul affiliate AirAsia has seen tremendous growth on this route since its commencement, adding over 130 percent seat capacity early last year when flight frequency was increased from three to seven flights weekly.

"Despite this increased capacity, we continue to see robust demand from our wide network and we hope that with this additional service offering a larger capacity on our A330 aircraft, we will be able to capture this demand and further build our market dominance in the Maldives."

AirAsia currently operates daily flights connecting Kuala Lumpur and Malé, the capital of Maldives, utilising its fleet of Airbus A320 aircraft with 180- and 186-seat capacity. AirAsia X will service the same route from 6 February 2018 using Airbus A330-300 aircraft with 377-seat capacity, including 12 Premium Flatbed seats. This will bring the total weekly flights to 11 with an annual capacity of over 287,000 seats between the two countries. In 2017, AirAsia Malaysia carried over 106,000 guests between Kuala Lumpur and Maldives.

AirAsia's guests will now have more flight options with better connectivity to Maldives from other destinations such as Guangzhou, Manila, Seoul, Melbourne and others via the airline's Fly-Thru service with one stop at Kuala Lumpur.

Those looking for affordable luxury, who wish to enjoy extra comfort can also opt for the award-winning Premium Flatbeds from only RM699\* one-way throughout this promotional period. Alongside the complete lie-flat seat, Premium Flatbed guests can also enjoy premium complimentary products and services including unlimited flight change, Pick A Seat, Priority Check-in, Priority Boarding, Priority Baggage, immigration fast track at selected airports, 40kg Baggage Allowance, Complimentary Meal and drinks, Pillow and Duvet, Xcite inflight entertainment as well as Premium Red Lounge access at klia2.

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**\* Promotional all-in fare for one-way travel, inclusive of taxes. Terms and conditions apply.**

## **Flight schedule for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (KUL) – Malé, Maldives (MLE)**

<b>Flight No.</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Flight Schedule</b>
<b>AK 72</b>	<b>KUL</b>	<b>MLE</b>	<b>1855hrs</b>	<b>2010hrs</b>	<b>Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun</b>
<b>D7 178</b>	<b>KUL</b>	<b>MLE</b>	<b>0840hrs</b>	<b>0955hrs</b>	<b>Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat **</b>
<b>AK 73</b>	<b>MLE</b>	<b>KUL</b>	<b>2055hrs</b>	<b>0425hrs</b>	<b>Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun</b>
<b>D7 179</b>	<b>MLE</b>	<b>KUL</b>	<b>1110hrs</b>	<b>1840hrs</b>	<b>Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat **</b>

Note: All times listed are local unless otherwise stated.

\*\* Operation commences from 6 February 2018 onwards

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### **About the AirAsia X Group**

AirAsia X is the long-haul, low-cost affiliate carrier of the AirAsia Group that serves 26 destinations across Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East and the US. AirAsia X operates a core fleet of 30 A330-300s with a seat configuration of 12 Premium Flatbeds and 365 economy seats. The airline has carried over 30 million guests since commencing operations in 2007. AirAsia X was awarded the World's Best Low-Cost Airline Premium Cabin and Best Low-Cost Airline Premium Seat at the annual Skytrax World Airline Awards for five consecutive years from 2013 to 2017.

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