



# AIR ASTANA RE-LAUNCHES ASTANA TO DUBAI SERVICE

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Air Astana, Kazakhstan's Skytrax award winning flag carrier will re-launch services between Astana and Dubai on 25th October 2015 . The non-stop flight will be operated four times a week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays using an Airbus A320. The service to Dubai offers greater convenience to passengers located in the capital, Astana, as well as from cities including Kostanay, Pavlodar and Ust-Kamenogorsk. Additionally, timely connections will be offered to international transit passengers travelling from Urumqi (China), Omsk (Russia) and Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan).

“ Air Astana is fully committed to expanding the route network from Astana, with the re-launch to Dubai following the recent introduction of new services from the capital to Paris, Seoul and Tbilisi,” said Peter Foster, President of Air Astana. “With Kazakhstan and UAE enjoying strengthening links in business, finance, tourism and culture, I’m confident that the new service will be extremely popular with passengers travelling between Astana and Dubai.”

The minimum cost of a round trip economy class ticket from Astana to Dubai, including all fees, is US\$ 468 and a business class ticket is US\$ 21071 during low season and US\$ 2667 during high season. Tickets can be booked at the Air Astana website [www.airastana.com](http://www.airastana.com), where UAE visas can also be issued.

Air Astana commenced regular flight operations on 15 May 2002 and currently operates a network

of over 60 international and domestic routes from hubs in Almaty and Astana. Air Astana operates a fleet of 30 aircraft including three Boeing 767-300ER, five Boeing 757-200, thirteen Airbus A320 family aircraft and nine Embraer E-190. Air Astana became the first carrier from Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States (the CIS) and Eastern Europe to be awarded the prestigious 4-Star rating by Skytrax in its World Airline Awards 2012 and was named The Best Airline in Central Asia and India. Both accolades were repeated in 2013, 2014 and 2015. In February 2015, Air Astana received the prestigious Air Transport World Market Leader Award.

Air Astana is a joint venture between Kazakhstan's national wealth fund, Samruk Kazyna, and BAE Systems, with respective shares of 51% and 49%.

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