

FAS SEES GROWTH WITH TOURIST HELI TOURS

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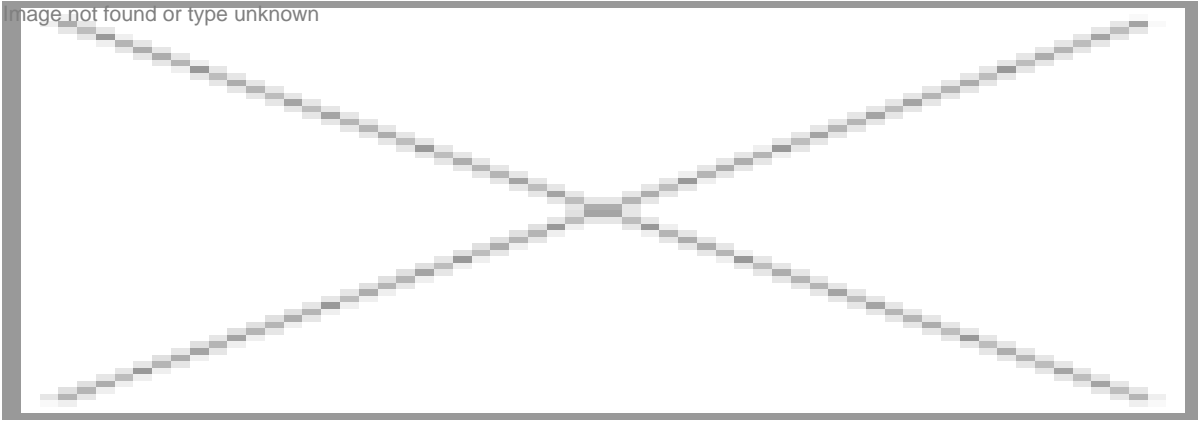


Falcon Aviation Services, which operates sightseeing helicopter tours from its certified helipad at Dubai's flagship Atlantis The Palm resort, says uptake for the service rose 20% last year. Falcon, which operates the service in partnership with Alpha Tours using a seven seater, EC130 helicopter, said it's also aiming for a 20% rise in bookings this year.

At the same time, the company, which is headquartered in Abu Dhabi, is looking to emulate the sight-seeing success in Abu Dhabi with the company's Chief Operating Officer, Captain Raman Oberoi citing a need to "find the right partner."

Dubai is targeting a tourist intake of 20 million by 2020 with Abu Dhabi citing more conservative goals in its 2030 plan of 7.3 million visitors.

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