



EVA Air and Turkish Airlines Initiate Code-Share From Taipei-Istanbul

New code-share agreement allows passengers to benefit from increased connectivity to Europe



17th June 2015 – Multi-award winning airline, EVA Air initiated a code-share agreement with fellow Star Alliance member, Turkish Airlines on 4th June 2015 on its Taipei – Istanbul v.v. route. The code-share marks the first stage of collaboration between these two airlines, which will aim to benefit passengers with a higher number of combined frequencies for better connectivity and increased travel flexibility between these two countries.

Turkish Airlines currently operates daily flights on its Istanbul – Taipei v.v. route and EVA air has now placed its marketing code on each of these flights as the first stage of the collaboration. Next Year, EVA Air will also launch service on the route and the code-sharing will be applied as reciprocal by Turkish Airlines placing its code on flights operated by EVA Air.

EVA Air is set to start daily flights from Taipei – Istanbul in 2016 which will allow for further collaboration between the two airlines allowing each to efficiently use Istanbul as a hub for travel to destinations that are even more distant. With the code-shared flights and commercial agreements for beyond Istanbul, EVA Air will offer passengers more convenient access to Europe.

EVA Air and Turkish Airlines aim to co-operate to increase tourism and cultural exploration in Taipei and Istanbul as well as to promote business travel between the two regions. The route is especially attractive to leisure and business travellers from Taipei to Asia because it takes no more than 2-3 hours to make smooth onward flight connections to major cities in Europe, including Frankfurt,

Barcelona, Lisbon, Copenhagen, Stockholm and more. The two airlines are also entering into a Special Prorate Agreement (SPA) that will enable passengers who book connecting flights to travel with one ticket and check baggage all the way through to their desired destination.

Turkish Airlines currently links 226 international destinations and more than 100 of them are in Europe. As the only city in the world having settled on two continents, Istanbul serves as a main hub offering easy connections to the East and West. It offers the transcontinental advantages of its location in Eurasia and makes connecting flights to destinations throughout Europe and the Middle East easier than ever for EVA Air passengers.

Istanbul is the heart of Turkey's economy, culture and history. With its many historical and architectural sites, tourism attractions and thriving businesses, it attracts travellers from every corner of the globe to visit every year. The route and new code-share arrangement gives EVA Air passengers attractive new travel choices whilst encouraging more travellers from Taipei to embrace the increased convenience of visiting Istanbul and more destinations throughout Europe.

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About EVA Air

EVA Airways was formed in 1989 as Taiwan's first privately owned international airline. It launched passenger services in 1991 and cargo services in 1995. It is a division of the respected Evergreen Group and sister company to global container-shipping leader Evergreen Line. Its mission from the start has been to always provide the best and safest services. It serves a network of more than 60 business, leisure and airfreight destinations in Asia, Oceania, Europe and North America. By joining Star Alliance (June 18, 2013), EVA has extended its network to more than 1,300 destinations in more than 190 countries. EVA's routing within Asia is among the industry's best and, with just one easy stop in Taipei, travellers can connect onward to most major cities, including gateways in every region of China. For more information and schedules, please visit: www.evaair.com.

About Turkish Airlines

Established in 1933 with a fleet of five aircraft, Star Alliance member Turkish Airlines is a 4-star airline today with a fleet of 276 (passenger and cargo) aircraft flying to 274 destinations worldwide with 226 international and 48 domestic. According to Skytrax survey of 2014, Turkish Airlines was chosen "Europe's Best Airline" for the fourth and "Best Airline in Southern Europe" for the sixth

consecutive time. Having won in 2010 the world's "Best Economy Catering Service" and in 2013 the world's "Best Business Catering Service" awards, Turkish Airlines was last year awarded the world's "Best Business Catering Service" and "Best Business Class Lounge Dining" prizes in the Skytrax survey. More information about Turkish Airlines can be found on the following website: www.turkishairlines.com.

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