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**PHNOM PENH–PENANG DIRECT FLIGHT LAUNCHED
TO STRENGTHEN TOURISM TIES AHEAD OF
VISIT MALAYSIA 2026 (VM2026)**



The VIPs posed for a photo with the Cambodia Airways crew.

PENANG, 26 June 2025 – Tourism Malaysia celebrates the official launch of Cambodia Airways' inaugural direct flight from Phnom Penh to Penang today, marking a significant milestone in boosting regional air connectivity and strengthening bilateral tourism ties between Cambodia and Malaysia.

The inaugural flight landed at Penang International Airport, signifying the start of this direct connection between the two cities. The new route, operated by an Airbus A319 with a 150-seat capacity, flies twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays beginning 26 June 2025.

These new routes reflect a shared commitment to expanding mutual travel opportunities. The enhanced connection is expected to increase visitor flow, open more business prospects, and deepen cultural exchange between Cambodia and Malaysia. This development also complements the recently concluded Sales Mission to Cambodia held from 19–22 June 2025, reinforcing Malaysia's active efforts in the region.

The commencement of direct flights between Phnom Penh and Penang marks a significant step in enhancing regional connectivity and strengthening bilateral ties between Cambodia and Malaysia. This new route improves accessibility between the two countries and promotes mutual growth in tourism, trade, and cultural exchange. It is a timely initiative expected to boost visitor arrivals and encourage deeper economic cooperation between both nations.

In 2024, Malaysia recorded 77,342 visitor arrivals from Cambodia, accompanied by a significant 47% surge in tourism receipts from RM164.2 million to RM240.8 million. This positive trend reflects not only growing travellers' confidence and increased spending power but also the resilience of Cambodia's outbound tourism sector. Currently, 41 direct flights operate weekly between Cambodia and Malaysia, offering more than 7,200 seats, highlighting the strengthening connectivity and tourism potential between both countries.

For further information and to book your trip, visit www.cambodia-airways.com or contact your preferred travel agent.

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About Tourism Malaysia

Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board, also known as Tourism Malaysia, is an agency under the Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture Malaysia. It focuses on the specific task of promoting Malaysia as a preferred tourism destination. Since its inception, it has emerged as a major player in the international tourism scene.

The next Visit Malaysia Year, set to take place in 2026, will commemorate the sustainability of the nation's tourism industry, which is also in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG).

Furthermore, Tourism Malaysia actively endorses the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT), working towards the realisation of the IMT-GT Visiting Year 2023-2025, with the shared aim of promoting the region as a unified tourism destination. For more information, visit Tourism Malaysia's social media accounts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), [YouTube](#), and [TikTok](#).

About Cambodia Airways

Cambodia Airways Co., Ltd. is a local Cambodian airline based in Phnom Penh. Established in September 2017, the company launched its inaugural flight on July 10, 2018, flying from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. Currently, the company operates Airbus A319 aircraft and Airbus A320 aircraft, and has successfully launched many domestic and international round-trip routes from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap, Sihanoukville, Singapore, Seoul, Bangkok, Palau, Hong Kong, Macau, Taipei, Beijing, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Wenzhou, Fuzhou, etc.

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