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TOURISM MALAYSIA STRENGTHENS REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY WITH NEW INAUGURAL AERODILI SERVICE FROM DILI

SEPANG — Tourism Malaysia today welcomed the inaugural AeroDili (8G) flight from Dili, Timor-Leste, which arrived at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) Terminal 2 at 11.15 am. This historic arrival marks AeroDili's first direct service connecting Timor-Leste and Malaysia. The flight was warmly welcomed by The Honourable Datuk Surendren Sathasiven, Deputy Secretary-General (Management), Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia, Mr. Lee Thai Hung, Deputy Director General (Promotion II), Tourism Malaysia, Mrs. Baizuri Baharum, Director of the International Promotion Division (Southeast Asia) and representatives from Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB) and AeroDili Airlines.

The introduction of this new route represents an important milestone in strengthening air connectivity between Timor-Leste and Malaysia, while providing new opportunities to enhance tourism and economic exchanges between the two countries. The new service also supports Tourism Malaysia's efforts to expand connectivity from emerging markets in conjunction with the Visit Malaysia 2026 (VM2026) campaign.

The inaugural flight was operated using an Airbus A319-100 aircraft welcoming 93 passengers. The service will operate twice weekly on Tuesday and Saturday, providing convenient travel options for both leisure and business travellers between Dili and Kuala Lumpur. Flights 8G921 and 8G922 are scheduled to arrive in KLIA Terminal 2 at 11.15 am and departing at 12.00 pm.

Mr Lourenço de Oliveira, President of Aero Dili, expressed his enthusiasm regarding the airline's latest international expansion.

"We are proud to launch this inaugural service connecting Dili and Kuala Lumpur, marking a significant milestone for AeroDili as we expand our international network. Kuala Lumpur is a vital regional hub, and this route will provide enhanced travel opportunities for passengers from Timor-Leste, while strengthening tourism, business, and people-to-people connections between our two nations. We look forward to working closely with Tourism Malaysia and our partners to grow this route and contribute to the momentum leading up to VM2026," he said.

The launch of this new service reflects growing confidence in Malaysia as a preferred travel destination and aviation hub in Southeast Asia. Tourism Malaysia continues to work closely with airline partners, airport authorities, and tourism stakeholders to strengthen international connectivity and support the success of the VM2026 campaign. This initiative aims to attract an increasing number of global visitors while showcasing Malaysia's rich culture, nature, and unique travel experiences.



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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 and Culture Malaysia (MOTAC). It focuses on promoting Malaysia as a preferred tourism destination and has, since its establishment, played a significant role in strengthening the country's presence and competitiveness in the global tourism landscape.

Visit Malaysia 2026 (VM2026) underscores Malaysia's commitment to sustainable tourism development, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs). The campaign aims to showcase the nation's diverse natural attractions, rich cultural heritage, and vibrant tourism offerings, while driving inclusive growth and long-term value for local communities and industry stakeholders.

For more information, visit Tourism Malaysia's website www.tourism.gov.my and social media accounts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), [YouTube](#), and [TikTok](#).

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