



Finnair Begins Codesharing on Bangkok Airways Flights

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Bangkok Airways (IATA flight code PG) and Finnair have signed a codeshare agreement for Finnair put its flight code on the Thai carrier's services from Bangkok to Thailand's key destinations, as well as to Hong Kong and Singapore.

The codeshare service began on January 15. Finnair says it flies the shortest direct route to Asia via Helsinki from [New York JFK](#).

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Under the deal, Helsinki-based Finnair is placing its 'AY' flight code on Bangkok Airways' flights linking [Bangkok](#) with Koh Samui, Phuket and Chiang Mai, as well as on Bangkok Airways' Singapore-Koh Samui and Hong Kong-Koh Samui services.



Bangkok Airways operates eight 70-seat ATR 72-500 turboprops on domestic routes within Thailand and flies seven Airbus A319s and three A320s on international routes within Asia

The move is part of Bangkok Airways' plan to further expand its codeshare partnership policy, according to the two airlines.

"Chiang Mai, Koh Samui and Phuket are regarded as our favorite destinations for visitors worldwide, whilst Hong Kong and Singapore offer another unique aspect of Asia," says Captain Puttipong Prasarttong-Osoth, president of Bangkok Airways. "By this co-operation, Finnair will be the only European carrier that to allow stop-overs in Asia's famous ports, namely Hong Kong and Singapore, before visiting Thailand. We strongly believe this new cooperation will be very successful."

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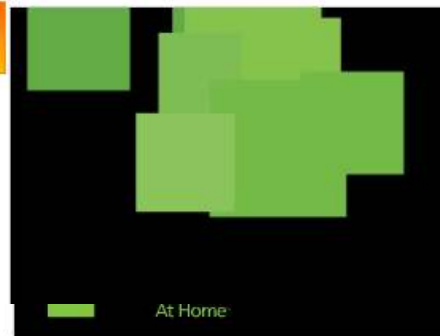
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"This new codeshare arrangement will make the paradise island Koh Samui even easier to reach for [Finnair](#) passengers," says Hannu Sundberg, Vice President for Airline Partnerships at Finnair. "The daily nonstop services from Helsinki to Singapore, Bangkok and Hong Kong each connect with Bangkok Airways' services to Koh Samui."

Adds Sundberg: "The exotic experience at Koh Samui starts ... at the unique airport and continues throughout the stay. Chiang Mai and the Northern part of Thailand is gaining popularity among European travelers and it is now well connected with Finnair's double daily Bangkok services. This new partnership will open new possibilities to our passengers to visit Thailand and combine it with other destinations in Asia for added experience."

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