

Turkish Airlines and airBaltic announce codeshare deal



Turkish Airlines and airBaltic both operate several weekly flights between Riga and Istanbul

[Turkish Airlines](#) and Latvian airline [airBaltic](#) announced a new codeshare partnership on their services between Riga and Istanbul. Effective May 1, 2023, the two carriers are set to offer greater flexibility and enhanced connectivity to their passengers on direct flights between Türkiye and Latvia.

“We are excited about our new partnership with airBaltic that both our corporate and leisure (passengers) will benefit from,” said Turkish Airlines’ CEO Bilal Ekşi, in a May 3 press release. “We look forward to welcoming more visitors from Latvia in our unique geography that cradled many civilizations throughout history, while also encouraging travel from Türkiye to the fascinating city of Riga.”

Under this agreement, airBaltic and Turkish Airlines have placed their marketing flight numbers on each Riga-Istanbul flight route, providing passengers with a more seamless travel experience. Both airlines will now be able to offer their travellers the ability to connect via their hubs, which will provide additional travel options.

airBaltic President and CEO Martin Gauss said, in the same release, “We are glad to enter a codeshare agreement with our partner — Turkish Airlines — on our new flights between Riga, Latvia and Istanbul, Türkiye. This partnership enables local Baltic travellers to benefit from the wide network of Turkish Airlines globally and the local travellers in Türkiye are now able to enjoy a great variety of airBaltic’s destinations in Europe and beyond. We are looking forward to a successful, long-standing collaboration together.”

This summer, airBaltic is set to launch a number of new routes, with a total of 20 new routes from Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, and Tampere. Istanbul is one of the new destinations on this list, and airBaltic just recently launched four weekly flights to the city on April 2.