**flydubai continues to grow its network with the launch of daily flights to St Petersburg**

* The Dubai-based carrier will start its operations to St Petersburg from 20 January 2023 with a daily service
* flydubai grows its network to 114 destinations supported by a fleet of 71 Boeing 737 aircraft

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 06 December 2022:** flydubai, the Dubai-based airline, today announced the launch of daily flights to St Petersburg’s Pulkovo International Airport (LED) from 20 January 2023. The carrier has grown its network to 114 destinations most of which were not previously served with direct airlinks to the United Arab Emirates.

flydubai flights to St Petersburg from Terminal 2, Dubai International (DXB)is currently scheduled to be operated by its fleet of Boeing MAX 8 aircraft. The flight time on this route is six hours and 50 minutes, making it one of the longer flights the carrier operates to after Krabi and Pattaya in Thailand which will also commence on 20 January 2023.

Commenting on the announcement, Ghaith Al Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer at flydubai, said: “2022 has been a tremendous year for growth for flydubai. We have taken delivery of 18 new aircraft this year which has enabled us to continue to expand our network and add more capacity on some of our existing routes. We are confident this momentum will continue well into next year thanks to the hard work of everyone at flydubai and the encouraging economic environment Dubai has given us.”

The carrier first started its operations to the Russian market in 2010 with direct flights to Samara and Yekaterinburg. With the launch of the new service, flydubai will serve nine destinations in the market including Kazan (KZN), Makhachkala (MCX), Mineralnye Vody (MRV), Moscow (VKO), Novosibirsk (OVB), Samara (KUF), St Petersburg (LED), Ufa (UFA) and Yekaterinburg (SVX).

Commenting on the launch of flights to St Petersburg, Jeyhun Efendi, Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations and E-commerce at flydubai, said: “the start of our operations to St Petersburg will give passengers from the market a more convenient option for travel to Dubai and further afield onto the flydubai network to popular holiday destinations such as the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Zanzibar. Customers can enjoy a comfortable travel experience on board our Boeing 737 MAX aircraft which features a lie-flat seat in Business Class, comfortable seats in Economy Class with in-seat Inflight Entertainment and an internationally inspired menu.”

St Petersburg is considered to be Russia’s cultural capital. Also known as the “Venice of the North”, the city is home to the Neva River canals, impressive historic architecture and one of most renowned museums, the Hermitage palace.

flydubai has recently announced the launch of operations to six new routes in 2023 including flights to Cagliari in Sardinia, Corfu in Greece, Gan in the Maldives, Krabi and Pattaya in Thailand and Milan Bergamo in Italy.

**Flight details**

Flights to St Petersburg’s Pulkovo International Airport (LED) will operate daily from Terminal 2, Dubai International (DXB).

Return Business Class fares from DXB to LED start from AED 8,500 and Economy Class Lite fares start from AED 2,320. Return Business Class fares from LED to DXB start from RUB 196,800 and Economy Class Lite fares start from RUB 37,825.

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| **Flight Number** | **Departure Airport** | **Arrival Airport** | **Departure Time** | **Arrival Time** | **Flight time** |
| FZ 907 | DXB | LED | 17:30 | 23:20 | 06:50 |
| FZ 908 | LED | DXB | 00:20 | 08:00 | 06:40 |

All Times Local

For the full timetable, please visit: <https://www.flydubai.com/en/plan/timetable>

Flights are available to book on flydubai.com, the official flydubai App, the Contact Centre in Dubai on (+971) 600 54 44 45, the Call Centre in Russia +7 (495) 215 1630, the flydubai travel shops or through our travel partners.

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**About flydubai**

From its home in Dubai, flydubai has created a network of more than 110 destinations served by a fleet of 71 aircraft. Since commencing operations in June 2009, flydubai has been committed to removing barriers to travel, creating free flows of trade and tourism and enhancing connectivity between different cultures across its ever-expanding network.

flydubai has marked its journey with a number of milestones:

**An expanding network:** Created a network of more than 110 destinations in 53 countries across Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Central and South-East Europe, the GCC and the Middle East, and the Indian Subcontinent.

**Serving underserved markets:** Opened more than 70 new routes that did not previously have direct air links to Dubai or were not served by a UAE national carrier from Dubai.

**An efficient single fleet-type:** Operates a single fleet-type of 71 Boeing 737 aircraft and includes: 32 Next-Generation Boeing 737-800, 36 Boeing 737 MAX 8 and 3 Boeing 737 MAX 9 aircraft.

**Enhancing connectivity:** Carried more than 80 million passengers since it began operations in 2009.

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