**flydubai further strengthens direct air links between the UAE and Uzbekistan with the start of flights to Namangan**

* The Dubai-based airline grows its network in Uzbekistan with the launch of its twice-weekly service to its third destination in the country after Samarkand and Tashkent

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 27 September 2022:** flydubai, the Dubai-based airline, continues to grow its operations in Uzbekistan with the launch of a twice-weekly service to Namangan International Airport (NMA). The carrier’s inaugural flight touched down in Namangan to a traditional water cannon salute as part of a warm welcome by local officials, airport representatives and members of the media.

flydubai is the first UAE carrier to offer direct flights between Dubai and Namangan, the third largest city in Uzbekistan after Samarkand and Tashkent. Emirates will codeshare on this route and the flights will operate from Terminal 2, Dubai International (DXB) twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Commenting on the start of operations to Namangan, Ghaith Al Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer at flydubai, said: “I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local authorities and the Khokim of Namangan, Mr Shavkatjon Abdurazakov for their support in launching our operations. We are committed to growing our network in Uzbekistan in the future and we are confident that these new direct air links will further stimulate travel and trade opportunities between our two countries. We look forward to enabling more passengers from the UAE and the region to visit this historically and culturally rich country through any of the three gateways in Uzbekistan.”

In 2019 the UAE and Uzbekistan expanded their strategic partnership that would enhance government modernisation and promote relations between the two nations, closely collaborating on sectors including education, finance, food security and agriculture.

Uzbekistan is known for its iconic Islamic architectural landmarks, its location on the east-west Silk Road and it is one of the world's biggest producers of cotton. Passengers from Uzbekistan can enjoy easier access to Dubai on flydubai’s direct flights, as well as more convenient connections beyond Dubai on the carrier’s network including the GCC.

**Flight details**

Flights will operate from Terminal 2, Dubai International (DXB) to Namangan International Airport (NMA) twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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| **Flight Number** | **Departure Airport** | **Arrival Airport** | **Departure Time** | **Arrival Time** |
| FZ 789 | DXB  | NMA | 22:50 | 03:30 |
| FZ 790 | NMA | DXB | 04:30 | 07:25 |

All Times Local

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

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

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From its home in Dubai, flydubai has created a network of more than 95 destinations served by a fleet of 68 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 95 destinations in 50 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 68 Boeing 737 aircraft and includes: 32 Next-Generation Boeing 737-800, 33 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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