

Amsterdam: Edmonton's newest European non-stop

Beginning on May 19, 2015, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will be operating three flights a week on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, with a fourth Friday flight to be added on June 22. The new route will utilize an Airbus A330-200 aircraft with 243 seats and a sizeable hold for international cargo.

About KLM

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines was founded on October 7, 1919 to serve the Netherlands and its colonies. KLM is today the oldest airline still operating under its original name. KLM has been part of the AIR FRANCE KLM group since the merger in 2004.

KLM is the core of the KLM Group, which further includes the wholly-owned subsidiaries KLM Cityhopper, transavia.com, and Martinair.

One of KLM's key partners is its home base, Schiphol. Aviation in the Netherlands is responsible for 290,000 jobs and contributes EUR 26 billion to gross national product. Its strength is due in large part to the synergy between the Schiphol hub and the network of KLM. Schiphol handled a record number of nearly 55 million passengers in 2014.

Connections

KLM services over 120 connections in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and South America.

About Schiphol

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS) opened as a military airfield in 1916. It is the world's oldest airport that is still located on the exact same spot where the first aircraft landed. In 2013, AMS provided direct connections to 323 European and intercontinental airports in 98 countries.

With passenger numbers totaling nearly 55 million, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol ranked as Europe's fifth-busiest passenger airport in 2014, and Europe's third-busiest cargo airport, handling over 1.6 million tonnes of cargo in that year. Air transport movements in 2014 totaled 438,296, making Amsterdam Airport Schiphol the fourth-largest European airport in terms of air transport movements in 2014.



Schiphol is operated as an Airport City, a dynamic metropolitan area that offers passengers and airlines all the services they need, 24 hours a day. Approximately five hundred companies with a total of 65,000 employees are located at Schiphol.

Aircraft

The A330-200 is the shorter-fuselage variant of Airbus' A330 twin-engine widebody family, and has the versatility to cover all ranges from short-haul to true long-haul, with ideal sizing for point-to-point operations. It accommodates 243 passengers (30 business class seats) in a comfortable two-class cabin layout that provides more window and aisle seats in much quieter cabins. As a modern jetliner, the A330-200 accepts the latest in-flight entertainment, including video on-demand, mobile telephone and email via satellite.

Another advantage of the A330-200's fuselage is its large-capacity underfloor cargo holds, which accommodate industry-standard LD3 containers in side-by-side loading, as well as 96-inch pallets.

The A330-200 is well established with major carriers around the world, and has become a preferred aircraft for charter and leisure operators, as well as the growing low-cost long-haul market segment.

Cargo

Our partnership with KLM will be a strong addition to our cargo operations, offering year-round service to high-volume cargo destinations. Amsterdam is a leading European gateway to beyond markets, including Africa and the Middle East. KLM is a recognized quality air cargo carrier with a great reputation. They will provide improved access to many routes our shippers and freight forwarders are seeking. They are a great fit to the priority EIA is placing upon cargo development for our region and community.

For more information visit klm.com or schiphol.nl.



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