

## Turkish Airlines announces new agreement with TSA Preè

Airline provides enhanced security screening program for transit passengers departing from the United States with smarter overall security and a better air travel experience.

Turkish Airlines, Europe's Best Airline for the sixth years in a row\*, and flying to more countries than any other airline, has added another feature to its fantastic global offerings through its new agreement with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Members of a Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler program may now experience TSA Pre $\sqrt{8}$  expedited screening at airport security checkpoints in the United States. Light jackets, shoes, and belts may remain on. In TSA Pre $\sqrt{8}$  lanes, laptops and 3-1-1 compliant liquids remain in carryon bags. Children 12 and under accompanying a parent or guardian with TSA Pre $\sqrt{8}$  also receive expedited screening. In April 2017, 97% of TSA Pre $\sqrt{8}$  passengers waited for less than 5 minutes.

TSA Pre $\sqrt{8}$  screening is available to members of Global Entry and the TSA Precheck Application Program. TSA Pre $\sqrt{8}$  screening is also available to U.S. citizens and U.S. lawful permanent residents enrolled in NEXUS or SENTRI, and to Canadian citizens enrolled in NEXUS. For more details, you can visit <u>https://www.dhs.gov/trusted-traveler-programs</u>

To experience TSA  $Pre\sqrt{8}$ , members enrolled in a trusted traveler program must add their Known Traveler Number to reservations with Turkish Airlines at the kiosk or check-in counters. When checking in, a TSA  $Pre\sqrt{8}$  indicator will appear on each boarding pass.

TSA  $Pre\sqrt{8}$  allows travellers to save time and stress by going through security faster without having the need to remove many of their personal accessories.

Bilal Ekşi, Turkish Airlines' Deputy Chairman and CEO, said; "The comfort and convenience of our passengers is the first priority for Turkish Airlines. Through this collaboration we are constantly striving to create a smooth and comfortable flying experience for them. TSA  $Pre\sqrt{8}$  is a highly reputable program which always works with the leading airlines in the world. We are confident that this new agreement will support us in further enhancing the overall quality of our ground handling services to our passengers depart from U.S."

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Turkish Airlines continues to improve its inflight offerings and airport services, as it strives to provide the world's best passenger experience and will stay committed to its aim and goals in always providing its passengers with the best possible overall service.

### \*Skytrax survey of 2016

\*\*TSA uses unpredictable security measures, both seen and unseen, throughout the airport. All travelers will be screened, and each individual is guaranteed expedited screening.

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#### About Turkish Airlines:

Established in 1933 with a fleet of five aircraft, Star Alliance member Turkish Airlines is a 4-star airline today with a fleet of 338 (passenger and cargo) aircraft flying to 299 destinations worldwide with 250 international and 49 domestic. According to the 2016 Skytrax survey, Turkish Airlines was chosen as "Europe's Best Airline" for the sixth and "Best Airline in Southern Europe" for the eighth consecutive time. Having won in 2010 the world's "Best Economy Catering Service", in 2013 and also in 2014 the world's "Best Business Catering Service", and "Best Business Class Lounge Dining", "Best Business Airline Lounge" awards in last year's survey, Turkish Airlines was awarded again the world's "Best Business Class Dining Lounge" and "Best Business Class On-Board Catering" prizes in this year's survey. More information about Turkish Airlines can be found on its official website www.turkishairlines.com or its social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Linkedin, and Instagram.

#### About TSA Preè

TSA  $Pre\sqrt{B}$  is an expedited security screening program connecting travelers departing from the United States with smarter security and a better air travel experience. For details on DHS Trusted Traveler Programs or to enroll, <u>click here</u>.

#### About Star Alliance:

The Star Alliance network was established in 1997 as the first truly global airline alliance to offer worldwide reach, recognition and seamless service to the international traveller. Its acceptance by the market has been recognized by numerous awards, including the Air Transport World Market Leadership Award and Best Airline Alliance by both Business Traveller Magazine and Skytrax. The member airlines are: Adria Airways, Aegean Airlines, Air Canada, Air China, Air India, Air New Zealand, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Austrian, Avianca, Avianca Brasil, Brussels Airlines, Copa Airlines, Croatia Airlines, EGYPTAIR, Ethiopian Airlines, EVA Air, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Shenzhen Airlines, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, SWISS, TAP Portugal, Turkish Airlines, THAI and United. Overall, the Star Alliance network currently offers more than 18,450 daily flights to 1,300 airports in 190 countries.

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