

Istanbul, 18th July 2017

300th flight destination of Turkish Airlines is Phuket.

The global carrier has inaugurated its direct flights to Phuket, one of the most prominent tourist destinations in the world, as beginning from today.



Flying to more countries and also international destinations than any other airline in the world, Turkish Airlines has started to operate four weekly flights to Phuket **as from 17th July**.

The inaugural flight from Istanbul landed at 8.55am in the Phuket International Airport (HKT) and was welcomed by the customary water cannon salutes in a formal ceremony.



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Deputy Chairman and CEO of Turkish Airlines Mr. Bilal Eksi, commented at the launch ceremony; "Turkish Airlines is excited to be bringing more value and connectivity to its passengers through its ever expanding network. As an award-winning airline that invites people to explore the beauties of our world, it was a natural choice for us to decide on Phuket as our next destination."

Introductory round trip fares are available from Istanbul to Phuket which is the biggest islands and exotic destination of Thailand, starting from **569 American Dollars** (including taxes and fees).

Direct flights from Istanbul to Phuket will be operated four times per week on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Furthermore, Miles&Smiles members will be able to upgrade their paid economy class tickets up to 22,500 miles, instead of 45,000, one-way flights by **December 31st, 2017.***

Phuket flight times as scheduled from July 17th, 2017;

Flight No.	Days	Departure		Arrival	
		City	Time	City	Time
TK 172	Monday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday	IST	14:30	HKT	04:00+1
TK 173	Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Sunday	HKT	05:30	IST	12:00

All times in LMT.



With Turkish Airlines scheduled flight to Phuket; Turkish Cargo has also launched its scheduled freighter flights to the island, the most prominent tourism destination of Thailand.

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To view the flight schedules please visit www.turkishairlines.com, contact the call center at +90 212 444 0849 or visit any Turkish Airlines sales office.

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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 333 (passenger and cargo) aircraft flying to 300 destinations worldwide with 251 international and 49 domestic. According to the 2017 Skytrax survey, Turkish Airlines, already having a six consecutive years of "Best Airline in Europe" award between 2011-2016, now chosen as the "Best Airline in Southern Europe" for the ninth consecutive times. Having won the "Best Economy Class Onboard Catering" award in 2010, Turkish Airlines also awarded as the World's "Best Business Class Onboard Catering" in 2013, 2014 and 2016, and 2017. Winning the "World's Best Business Class Lounge" award in 2015 and 2017, the global carrier also picked up the World's "Best Business Class Lounge Dining" award for the third consecutive years according to this year's survey results. 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 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. Further connecting flights are offered by Star Alliance Connecting Partner, Juneyao Airlines.

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