

airBaltic to Recruit Over 100 Pilots in 2018

Riga. The Latvian airline *airBaltic* in February will host an *airBaltic* “Pilot Open Days” initiative in several cities, including Vilnius, Helsinki, Amsterdam and Stockholm. The initiative targets different types of pilots willing to become part of *airBaltic* flight crew. The airline is planning to recruit more than 100 pilots in 2018.



Pauls Calitis, Senior Vice President Flight Operations of *airBaltic*: “An excellent team is essential to our successful operation and *airBaltic*’s growth over the past years has confirmed that. Our route map is expanding, the fleet is growing and more passengers travel with us. Such development requires our team to be highly motivated. And naturally, due to the production increase, *airBaltic* will recruit more pilots this year. Working at *airBaltic* has many advantages for all positions, but considering our growth and the changing pilot industry, we are now further improving our pilot remuneration system.”

During the “Pilot Open Days” events, all interested individuals will have a chance to learn more about *airBaltic*’s flight crew vacancies and to receive more information about *airBaltic*. During the event, the participants will have opportunity to ask questions directly to *airBaltic* chief pilots and receive all the necessary information on how to join the dynamic and motivated team of the world’s most punctual airline *airBaltic*.

airBaltic is organizing “Pilot Open Days” in specific cities due to the strong community of pilots. *airBaltic* has a multicultural team with over 50 pilots from Lithuania, more than 26 pilots from Netherlands and over 14 from Sweden.

- On **February 1**, 2018 the first “Pilot Open Days” events will be held in Vilnius at 10:00 and at 15:00 in “AirInn Vilnius Hotel”.
- On **February 6**, 2018 *airBaltic* team will travel to Stockholm and the events will take place at 10:00 and at 15:00 in “Radisson Blu Skycity Hotel”.
- On **February 8**, 2018 the “Pilot Open Days” events will be held in Helsinki in “Cumulus Resort Airport Congress Center” at 10:00 and at 15:00.
- On **February 13**, 2018 the final event will take place in Amsterdam in “Hotel NH Amsterdam Schiphol Airport” at 11:00.

The project does not require candidates to fill out an application form before the visit, but simply to take their CV, personal identification document, and arrive for the event. For more information about work at *airBaltic*, candidates can visit airline’s recruitment website: <http://recruite.airbaltic.com/>

In December 2017, *airBaltic* also started the application process for candidates to the airline’s newly established *Pilot Academy* at *airBalticTraining*. Persons selected will be the first class of students of the professional airline pilot training programme and will become *airBaltic* pilots upon completion of the programme in about two years from now.

airBaltic serves over 60 destinations from its home base in Riga, Latvia. From every one of these locations, *airBaltic* offers convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.

***airBaltic* in brief:**

airBaltic (AIR BALTIC CORPORATION) is the world’s most punctual airlines connecting the Baltic region with 60 destinations in Europe, the Middle East, and the CIS. *airBaltic* is a joint stock company that was established in 1995. Its primary shareholder is the Latvian state, which

holds 80.05% of the stock, while Lars Thuesen holds around 20% through his fully-owned Aircraft Leasing 1 SIA. The *airBaltic* fleet consists of 30 aircraft – 7 *Bombardier* CS300, 11 Boeing 737 and 12 *Bombardier* Q400Next Gen. *airBaltic* has received numerous international awards for excellence, innovative services, and achievements in reshaping its business. In 2012, *airBaltic* was ranked by Airlinetrends among the Top 10 airlines globally for innovations. *airBaltic* achieved the best on-time performance globally for three years running in 2014, 2015 and 2017.