

Air Arabia launches daily Sharjah-Kozhikode flight

The United Arab Emirates' (UAE) national carrier Air Arabia Wednesday announced the launch of its daily services between Sharjah and Kozhikode in India's Kerala.

'The increase in the number of flights to Kozhikode demonstrates our commitment to the Indian market and our desire to offer expatriates from this Indian city working in the Middle East competitively priced fares,' A.K. Nizar, Air Arabia's head of commercial department, said in a statement here.

There are around 1.5 million expatriate Indians in the UAE and a large number of them hail from Kerala.

The Sharjah-based budget airline had launched its inaugural flight to Kozhikode in February this year with three flights a week.

According to the new schedule, flights will depart Sharjah at 8.00 a.m. local time on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, and arrive in Kozhikode at 1.25 p.m. On the same days, return flights will depart Kozhikode at 2.10 p.m. and arrive in Sharjah at 4.25 p.m.

On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, flights will depart Sharjah at 10.45 p.m. and arrive in Kozhikode at 4.10 a.m. Return flights will depart Kozhikode at 4.55 a.m. and arrive in Sharjah at 7.10 a.m.

Kozhikode is the third city in Kerala the airline flies to, the others being Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi.

Other Indian destinations Air Arabia operates in include Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Jaipur, [Mumbai](#) and Nagpur.

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