



# TASHKENT IS CLOSER WITH FLYDUBAI

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**flydubai becomes the first UAE-based airline to operate direct flights to Uzbekistan**

- With the launch of five flights a week to Tashkent, flydubai will offer 33 weekly flights to seven points in Central Asia
- The new destination will operate as a codeshare route with Emirates with a Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft

Dubai-based flydubai has announced the start of flights to Tashkent (TAS) the capital of Uzbekistan. The five times weekly service between Dubai and Tashkent will start from 11 March 2019 and will become a daily operation from 31 May 2019.

flydubai has been flying to Central Asia since November 2010 with the launch of operations to Ashgabat in Turkmenistan, followed by the launch of flights to Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan in February 2012, Dushanbe in Tajikistan in April 2013, flights to Almaty in September 2014, Astana in October 2015 and Shymkent in Kazakhstan in 2018. With the launch of the new direct flights to Tashkent, flydubai will offer 33 weekly flights to seven points in Central Asia.

Commenting on the launch of flights to Tashkent, Ghaith Al Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer of flydubai, said: "we are pleased to become the first UAE national carrier to offer direct flights to Tashkent, strengthening ties between the UAE and Uzbekistan via these new direct air links. This creates opportunities for further development of tourism and trade

**flows and is in line with our commitment to opening up previously underserved markets and offering more travel options to fly to Dubai and beyond.”**

The carrier will operate the new route with one of its brand-new Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft from Terminal 3 at Dubai International (DXB) offering passengers comfort and an enhanced travel experience. The new cabin features a flat-bed in Business Class and in addition to the extra space and privacy, passengers can sleep comfortably during their flight. Economy Class offers new RECARO seats, which are designed to optimise space and comfort so passengers can sit back, relax and enjoy their flight.

Jeyhun Efendi, Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations and E-commerce for flydubai, said: “we are looking forward to offering passengers the convenience of direct flights between Dubai and Tashkent. We hope the new route will be a popular choice for passengers travelling from Dubai and the GCC looking for new hidden gems within a short flying distance from our hub in Dubai.”

Uzbekistan is known for its mosques, mausoleums and other sites linked to the Silk Road, the ancient trade route between China and the Mediterranean. Tashkent is one of the largest cities in Central Asia, popular for its rich history, architecture and delicious local food. Samarkand, a major city on the Silk route which is known for its landmark Islamic architecture, is only a few hours from the capital.

flydubai's growing network covers more than 90 destinations in 47 countries. Emirates will codeshare on this route as part of the Emirates flydubai partnership announced in July 2017. For bookings under the codeshare, Emirates passengers will receive complimentary meals and the Emirates checked baggage allowance on flights operated by flydubai in Business and Economy classes. With the partnership, passengers from Uzbekistan will have an opportunity to travel via Dubai to the hundreds of destinations all over the world.

Flight details:

flydubai flights FZ1941/FZ1942 will operate five times a week between Dubai International, Terminal 3 (DXB) and Tashkent International Airport (TAS).

Business Class return fares from Dubai to Tashkent start at AED 7,500 (USD 1,785) and are inclusive of all taxes and 40kg checked baggage, meals and inflight entertainment. Economy Class return fares from Dubai to Tashkent start at AED 1,545 (USD 420) including 20kg checked baggage and a hot meal.

| Flight Number | Departure Airport                    | Departure Time | Arrival Airport                      | Arrival Time |
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| FZ 1941       | Dubai International Terminal 3 (DXB) | 21:20          | Tashkent International Airport (TAS) | 1:45         |

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| FZ 1942 | Tashkent<br>International<br>(TAS) | 3:15<br>Airport | Dubai International<br>Terminal 3 (DXB) | 6:05 |
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