

***airBaltic* Names its Aircraft After Lithuanian Town of Visaginas**

Visaginas, Lithuania. *airBaltic*, the leading airline in the Baltics, continues naming its *Airbus A220-300* fleet after cities and towns in the Baltic States, following the results of a public voting contest held in August 2024. The airline is pleased to announce that one of its aircraft has been named after the Lithuanian city of Visaginas. As of today, the aircraft registered as YL-AAT proudly bears the name Visaginas, making it the second Lithuanian city to be recognized in this way, after Vilnius.

The naming contest, held last year to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the *Baltic Way*, invited the public to vote for their most beloved cities across Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania. A total of over one million votes were cast during the voting period from August 5 to August 22, resulting in a shortlist of 48 cities – 16 from each Baltic country – reflecting the airline's fleet size at the time of the contest. This initiative celebrates the unity and cultural heritage of the Baltic States. This symbolic meaning also strengthens the recognition of the Baltic States region worldwide and encourages tourism, making these cities attractive to both local and international travellers.

Elīna Prāve, VP Marketing at *airBaltic*: "We are grateful to everyone who participated in this contest and showed support for their favourite cities. By naming *airBaltic* aircraft after Baltic cities, we not only inspire travellers to explore these places but also promote their international recognition. We are proud to be a part of the region's growth and strengthen its connectivity with the rest of the world."

So far, a total of seven *airBaltic Airbus A220-300* aircraft have been given the names of Baltic cities – Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, Liepāja, Põltsamaa, Narva and Visaginas. The remaining 41 selected Baltic cities will be assigned to the aircraft gradually and in random order. More information about the competition and its results is available here: <https://vote.airbaltic.com>.

airBaltic operates more than 130 routes from Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, Tampere and, seasonally, Gran Canaria, offering connections to a wide range of destinations in the airline's route network in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and the Caucasus region. A complete schedule of *airBaltic* flights and tickets are available on the company's homepage at www.airbaltic.com.

About *airBaltic*:

airBaltic (*Air Baltic Corporation AS*) is the leading airline in the Baltics and one of Europe's fastest-growing carriers. As a hybrid airline, it leverages the upsides of both traditional network and low-cost carriers. Through a network of more than 130 routes from Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, Tampere and, seasonally, Gran Canaria, *airBaltic* connects the Baltics with 80 destinations across Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and the Caucasus.

Founded in 1995, today *airBaltic* operates one of Europe's youngest fleets, consisting of 50 *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, and employs over 2 800 people. In February 2025, *airBaltic* became the first European airline to offer free high-speed *SpaceX Starlink* internet on its flights.

airBaltic's commitment to excellence is recognized by numerous prestigious awards, including being named the Best Airline in its region by *Skytrax* for three consecutive years. In 2023, *APEX* awarded the company the *Passenger Choice Award for Best Cabin Service in Europe*, and in 2024, *airBaltic* received the *APEX Four Star Major Airline Award* for its commitment to providing a high-quality travel experience. The same year, the airline was awarded the *PROS AI Innovator Award* for leveraging AI to drive transformative outcomes and optimize operations. In 2025, *airBaltic* made its debut in the global rankings compiled by *Airline Ratings*, which recognized it among the world's 50 safest airlines and included it in the list of the world's top airlines for 2025.

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