

JAL Starts Direct Charter Flights to Cambodia

Tokyo October 16, 2007: JAL will start operating direct charter flights from Japan to Siem Reap in Cambodia. Up until the end of this fiscal year, ending March 31 2008, JAL plans to operate between 10-15 round trip flights, starting with a flight departing Osaka (Kansai) on November 20, 2007. (Subject to government approval).

The airline will operate direct flights to Siem Reap from Osaka (Kansai), Tokyo (Narita) and Nagoya (Chubu) using Boeing 767 aircraft. The aircraft will have a capacity of 200 passengers per flight, and the journey will only take from between 5 to 6 hours. The flights will only be sold as part of a holiday package offered by travel agents in Japan.



The number of Japanese travelers visiting Cambodia, location of the UNESCO World Heritage site Angkor Wat, has been increasing every year. Based on data from the Ministry of Tourism, Kingdom of Cambodia about 120,000 Japanese visited Cambodia in 2006.

Up until now there have been no direct scheduled flights from Japan to Siem Reap. Travelers have had to change flights in Bangkok or Ho Chi Minh, for example.

JAL plans to operate a total of 400 round trip charter flights this fiscal year. Between April and September this year, JAL has already operated around 225 round trip charter flights to such tourist destinations as Budapest and Prague in Central Europe, Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia as well as Toronto and Montreal in Canada.

Responding to changes in Japanese tourism demand, JAL also started operating earlier this year for the first time direct charter flights to Dubrovnik, a Croatian resort in the Adriatic Sea, and Majuro Atoll in the Marshall Islands, called the 'necklace of the Pacific'.

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