

## Royal Brunei Airlines will launch a new route between Narita and Bandar Seri Begawan on 15 March, 2019! - Direct flight service connecting Japan and Brunei -

Royal Brunei Airlines will launch a new flight service between Narita and Bandar Seri Begawan on 15 March, 2019. Royal Brunei is the national flag carrier of Brunei Darussalam, and will be the only airline to offer direct flights between Japan and Brunei.

A member of ASEAN, Brunei is a country blessed with abundant natural resources and attractions; visitors can readily experience mangrove forests home to wild monkeys and other untouched natural environments, or enjoy a leisurely stroll through peaceful streets. Brunei's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, is packed with places of interest, including magnificent golden mosques and traditional floating houses on the waters of the Brunei River.

The launch of Royal Brunei's Bandar Seri Begawan route will add a new destination from Narita Airport, offering more convenient and diverse ways to travel the world. Take advantage of Narita Airport's ever-growing network for your next trip.



Brunei River



Jame' Asr Hassanil Bolkiah Mosque



Canopy Walk

Photo: Courtesy Royal Brunei Airlines

- Start of service: Friday 15 March, 2019
- Route: Narita-Bandar Seri Begawan
- Aircraft: A320neo (seating: 12 Business Class, 138 Economy Class - 150 total)
- Flight schedule: Three flights a week (Wed, Fri, Sun)

Flight No.	Origin	Departure Time	Destination	Arrival Time
BI696	Tokyo/Narita (NRT)	<b>12:00</b>	Bandar Seri Begawan (BWN)	17:25
BI695	Bandar Seri Begawan (BWN)	0:35	Tokyo/Narita (NRT)	<b>7:30</b>



- \* All times are local times
- \* Conditional upon government approval.
- \* Please be aware that schedules, etc. are subject to possible change.

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For details, please visit the Royal Brunei official website (<https://www.flyroyalbrunei.com/en/brunei/>)



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Royal Brunei Airlines Introduces Direct Flights to Tokyo

Royal Brunei Airlines (RB) is pleased to announce that it will connect Brunei and Tokyo, Japan with the launching of non-stop service to Narita International Airport (NIA) effective 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The new scheduled service to the capital city of Japan will operate thrice weekly as BI695 on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday as it leaves Brunei International Airport (BIA) at 00:35 and arriving in NIA at 07:30 in the morning. The return leg will depart the city at 12:00 on the same day as BI696 and arrives back to Brunei at 17:25.

The new route will be operated using RB's new fleet of A320NEO aircraft as follows:

Flight Numbers	Sector	Timing (Departure/Arrival)	Days of Operation
BI695	Brunei - Tokyo	00:35 / 07:30	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
BI696	Tokyo - Brunei	12:00 / 17:25	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday

RB's Chief Executive Officer Karam Chand said, "We are delighted to provide capital city to capital city connection with our direct Tokyo Narita services. RB first flew to Osaka, Japan in December 1994 and launched codeshare flights to Tokyo via Hong Kong in 2016. Our new route not only re-establishes a seamless connection between the two cities, adding Tokyo to the growing list of destinations is a very important decision for the company as we want to ensure each new route will provide RB with strong revenue growth, enhance the network and add significant value to Brunei's economy.

The recent delivery of RB's next generation single aisle aircraft, the A320NEO, is a key enabler for RB to pursue route expansion given its superior economics. To-date, RB has received five brand new aircraft which has commenced services around the network. The aircraft with a configuration of 12 business class, 18 preferred economy and 120 economy furnished with premium leather seats has been very well received by our guests. The cabin features, especially the personal inflight entertainment has been applauded as "best in class" and five star for Regional Services. The last two A320NEO aircraft will be delivered in November this year, making RB's fleet one of the youngest in the world at an average age of just two years.

#### **About Royal Brunei Airlines (RB):**

Royal Brunei currently operates a fleet of thirteen aircraft comprising of five Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft together with four Airbus A320 NEO aircraft and four Airbus A320 CEO Aircraft. By end of the year Royal Brunei will have seven A320 NEO, two A320 CEO and five B787 aircraft's. In 2018, RB received the APEX Official Airline Ratings™ Four-Star Award and as winners of TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Economy Class – Asia and Travellers' Choice Regional Airlines – Asia. In the recent Skytrax airline rating RB moved up fourteen places to be at number 78 (from 92) in the top 100 airlines in the world