



GARUDA INDONESIA TO LAUNCH SINGAPORE-MAKASSAR ROUTE FROM JUNE

Attractive return fare offers to Makassar at S\$220

(Singapore, 4 May 2011): Indonesia's national carrier, Garuda Indonesia, will launch a new daily service from Singapore to Makassar, from 1 June this year. The introduction of this route is in line with the airline's plans to develop Makassar as its third domestic hub, after Jakarta and Bali, and gateway to East Indonesia.

"The launch of this new route will mark a significant step forward in our network expansion strategy. We're seeing strong growth in passenger traffic from Singapore to Makassar via Jakarta and there is enormous potential in this market particularly in the leisure segment," said Risnandi, Senior General Manager, Area Asia, Garuda Indonesia.

"2011 has been declared 'Visit Makassar' year and the city has been busy adding new events and festivals to its attractions. We will be teaming up with the local tourism officials to promote Makassar as one of the Indonesian destination of choice and will also be launching great deals and offers to entice travellers from Singapore," added Risnandi.

Makassar is the largest city on Sulawesi Island and was the main harbour and trade centre in pre-colonial Indonesia. It's located right in the centre of the archipelago with Fort Rotterdam as its main attraction. Travellers flying to Makassar can expect to enjoy tasty local specialities such as the famous Coto Makassar beef soup, relaxing on the white sands of Tanjung Bira beach and soaking in the tranquil sceneries of Bambapuang Mountain.

Garuda Indonesia will operate this new route initially using the Boeing 737-500 aircraft which can accommodate 12 passengers in Executive Class and 84 in Economy Class. Passengers will have the opportunity to enjoy the airline's unique service concept known as the 'Garuda Indonesia Experience' which combines warm Indonesian hospitality with quality service that emphasizes on safety and comfort.

The new flight will operate daily from Changi Airport Terminal 3, departing at 1850 and arriving in Makassar at 2200 local time. The return service will leave Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport in Makassar at 1500 and arrive in Singapore at 1750.

To celebrate the launch of the new route, Garuda Indonesia is also running a sale from now till **31 May 2011**. Singapore - Makassar return flights in economy class will be sold at just **S\$220**, valid for travel from **1 June to 31 August 2011**. Please call the reservation department at +65 6250 2888 or visit www.garuda-indonesia.com.sg for more details. Terms and conditions apply.

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About Garuda Indonesia

Garuda Indonesia is the national airline of Indonesia. It is a full-service network carrier and serves 32 domestic and 18 international destinations. The airline's main hubs in Indonesia are located in Jakarta and Denpasar. In July 2009, the airline unveiled a new aircraft fleet, new in-flight product, new service concept and a fresh corporate identity to mark the start of its transformation into one of Asia's most successful and profitable airlines. Garuda Indonesia received its IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) certification in May 2008, recognising that the airline is fully compliant with global best-practice standards for flight operations, aircraft maintenance and safety management systems. In December 2009, the airline was also upgraded to a four-star rating by Skytrax, the global benchmark for airline service standards, confirming the improvement in its front-line product and service quality.

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