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Adelaide secures additional Malaysia Airlines service

Adelaide Airport and the State Government have welcomed confirmation from Malaysia Airlines of a 5th weekly service between Adelaide and Kuala Lumpur, commencing 5 July, 2018.

Malaysia Airlines has indicated the extra service will operate from Kuala Lumpur to Adelaide on Wednesday, returning on Thursday. Services currently operate from Adelaide to Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Adelaide Airport Managing Director, Mark Young, said it was great to see Malaysia Airlines' continued growth in the South Australian market.

"Malaysia Airlines was one of the very first international carriers to service Adelaide, and they've continued that support for almost three decades," Mr Young said.

"They have shown faith in the Adelaide market after a period of restructuring and we're delighted that there is increasing demand for the sector.

"The Malaysia aviation market has always been a strong performer for Adelaide and we will work closely with the Malaysia Airlines team to keep growing our passenger numbers."

Malaysia Airlines Regional Manager Australia & New Zealand, Gabrielle Vicari said: "Malaysia Airlines is responding to increasing customer demand for our services from the South Australian capital to Malaysia and beyond. The new 5th weekly service will commence from 5 July 2018 and will further support our Australian growth strategy.

"We are excited to again be growing in South Australia, and hope in the future to return to daily year round services."

Tourism Minister Leon Bignell said: "We are delighted to see Malaysia Airlines expand its services to Adelaide with a fifth flight each week. They've been a great airline for South Australia since they began flying into Adelaide in 1990. We really appreciate the loyalty they've shown us, especially during the past few years.

"Visitors from South East Asia continue to grow as word spreads about South Australia's amazing scenery, wildlife experiences and premium food.

"It's fantastic to see Malaysia Airlines back in a growth phase, increasing the number of flights from Kuala Lumpur and upgrading their cabins to provide more space and premium economy class.

"This is a massive vote of confidence in our State and helps ensure South Australia is more accessible than ever, further boosting our record \$6.3 billion visitor economy."

Flight times:

MH139 KUL-ADL	Dep 2220	Arr 0700 (+1)	Mon Wed Thu Fri Sat
MH136 ADL-KUL	Dep 0815	Arr 1430	Tue Thu Fri Sat Sun