

Amadeus maintains position as the number one e-ticketing technology partner for airlines

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74 airlines are hosted on Amadeus e-Ticket Server

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Amadeus has completed over 1400 interline agreements for airlines, meaning their passengers can purchase a single e-ticket for the entirety of a journey with multiple, pre-designated airlines. The number of interline implementations is still growing at a pace of 100 new agreements per month.

Further, now that more and more airlines are already prepared for the IATA initiative of 100 percent e-ticketing, Amadeus is also helping low cost carriers with their needs for interline electronic ticketing (IET). WestJet and Virgin Blue have already contracted the Amadeus e-ticketing solution to prepare for their interlining agreements with full service carriers and their subsequent need for IET.

'Amadeus is making strides to ensure the industry is on track to meet the extended e-ticketing deadline. Over 91 percent of the tickets issued through our system are now electronic,' commented Frédéric Spagnou, Vice-President, Airline Business Group, Amadeus. 'As a preferred IATA e-ticketing supplier, we recognize the significant improvements to the customer experience that can be achieved through e-ticketing, as well as the considerable efficiency savings and revenue opportunities it opens up for airlines.'

Amadeus, as the world leader in e-ticket distribution and technology, has to date enabled e-ticketing for 268 airlines across 154 markets. These figures exceed those of any other single supplier.

About Amadeus

Amadeus is the chosen technology partner for providers, sellers, and buyers of travel. The company provides distribution, IT and point-of-sale solutions to help its customers adapt, grow and succeed in the fast-changing travel industry. Customer groups include travel providers (airlines, hotels, car rental companies, railway companies, ferry lines, cruise lines, insurance companies and tour operators), travel sellers (travel agencies) and travel buyers (corporations and travelers).

Amadeus has central sites in Madrid (corporate headquarters & marketing), Nice (development) and Erding (operations - data processing center) and regional offices in Miami, Buenos Aires and Bangkok. At market level, Amadeus maintains customer operations in 75 countries covering more than 215 markets. The company has nearly 6,700 employees worldwide, representing 95 nationalities.

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