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HONG KONG AIRLINES STARTS SAIPAN FLIGHTS



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Marianas Visitors Authority Accountant Mary Muna, left, and Marketing Specialist Laura Hsiao prepare to welcome passengers on Hong Kong Airlines' inaugural flight to Saipan arriving on July 7, 2016.



Island “Chamorittas” (young ladies) welcome the flight crew arriving on Hong Kong Airlines’ inaugural flight to Saipan on July 7, 2016.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo Narita in Japan by Delta and Asiana. From Korea, Asiana, Jeju Air, and Jin Air provide direct flights from Seoul, and Asiana also provides service from Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong to Saipan are available. Philippine Airlines provides nonstop service from Manila to Saipan and connects with many cities in China and across Asia. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made by Delta to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and by United via Guam. Russian and Taiwanese visitors usually arrive via Seoul or Manila. For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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