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Move to reduce, stop flights will cost tourism industry billions of ringgit

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KUALA LUMPUR: The move by [Malaysia Airlines](#) and [AirAsia X](#) to reduce or discontinue flights to international and regional destinations will cost the country's tourism industry billions of ringgit in revenue, said [Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen](#).

She said this move would lead to a drop in tourist arrivals and thus, cause a decrease in tourist receipts.

To overcome this, she said the ministry would target tourists who would stay longer and spend more when visiting Malaysia.

Dr Ng was speaking at the launch of the Malaysia Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) here Friday. The TSA is a set of accounts in the industry to track the contribution of each tourism activity.