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Budapest Airport better connected with Aeroflot

On the back of its record-breaking start to the year, Budapest Airport has confirmed a further strengthening of its global hub connectivity with airline partner Aeroflot. Announcing a third daily flight to Moscow Sheremetyevo from 29 October, the SkyTeam carrier will be offering over 7,000 weekly two-way seats to its main hub at Russia's busiest airport (in terms of passengers).

Operated by the Russian flag carrier's 186-seat 737-800s, Aeroflot's increased service will see improved connections from Budapest to numerous existing Asian destinations including Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, the South Korean capital of Seoul, Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou in China, as well as Bangkok and Phuket in Thailand. "This is a proven successful route and we've worked hard to enrich the service with improved access to Aeroflot's Asian destinations," commented Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport. He added: "Aeroflot's extra service will make us considerably better connected via our partner's hub resulting in another boost to our global network."

Aeroflot is Russia's flagship carrier and a member of the SkyTeam global airline alliance. In 2016, the airline carried 29 million passengers (43.4 million passengers as Aeroflot Group including subsidiaries). In 2016, Aeroflot was awarded Four Star Airline status by Skytrax, and was also named Best Airline in Eastern Europe for the fifth time at the Skytrax World Airline Awards. Based in Moscow, at Sheremetyevo International Airport, Aeroflot operates one of the youngest fleets in the world with 197 aircraft.

Witnessing an exceptional 64% annual increase, Aeroflot's third daily service will see an extra 135,000 two-way seats from Budapest to Moscow Sheremetyevo during W17 and S18 versus the previous year. Flown alongside operations to Moscow Vnukovo, Hungary's capital city airport now offers a total of 29 weekly flights to Russia. The additional flight in W17 arrives at 9:30am to BUD and leaves to Moscow at 10:30am CEST to arrive at its destination at 3:00pm Moscow.

Directly serving 42 country markets, the additional operations will see Russia move ahead of Switzerland and Israel as the eighth largest country market flown from Budapest. With 21 weekly flights from the Hungarian gateway, Aeroflot will jump ahead of fellow hub operators at Budapest this winter, becoming one of the best-connected in terms of weekly frequencies, and on par with Turkish Airlines, KLM and Air France in expanding the airport's global destination map.



Photo caption: Budapest Airport has confirmed a third daily flight to Moscow Sheremetyevo with Aeroflot. "The extra service will make us considerably better connected via Aeroflot's hub resulting in another boost to our global network," enthuses Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport.

Notes for Editors

- Budapest Airport Zrt. is the operator of Budapest Airport. It is owned by an international consortium of investors, led by the privately-owned German company AviAlliance, an independent airport manager holding a 55.438% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (21.228%), and Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (23.334%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed more than 11.4 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 111 destinations across 38 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth May 2017 has exceeded +12.2%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:

Already launched:

- easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, 1 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, 2 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, 3 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, 7 April 2017;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, 12 April 2017;
- Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, 4 May 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, 8 June 2017;
- Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, 15 June 2017.

To launch:

- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 2 July 2017;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to St Petersburg, starting 27 August 2017;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, starting 22 September 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Lviv, starting 25 October 2017;

- Ryanair five times weekly service to Prague, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Palermo, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Valencia, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Edinburgh, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Naples, starting 30 October 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017.

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