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Budapest Airport goes east with Asiana Airlines

Last year Hungary welcomed more than 100,000 visitors from Korea, most arriving by land; last Friday, Budapest Airport welcomed its first direct connection to South Korea, launching a weekly service to Seoul Incheon Airport. With the number of Korean visitors having tripled over the last five years the Hungarian gateway's latest new airline partner, Asiana Airlines, now links Budapest to South Korea's largest airport.

Commenting on the launch of Asiana Airlines' service to its international hub, Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport said: "The start of Asiana's link to South Korea reinforces the need for further connections from Budapest to the East. This is the first exciting step in our cooperation with our new airline partner, and we hope to not only welcome Asiana back, but that we will be announcing an extended flying programme next year."

Budapest Airport and the Hungarian Tourism Agency, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, worked closely to agree the launch of a direct flights between the capital cities during the summer season. With Hungarian exports to East Asia increasing by 42% in 2015, South Korea's second largest carrier will now play an important role in the growth of the economic ties of the two countries.



Korea move: At a press conference in April, Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport, and Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, announced the launch of Asiana Airlines services from Budapest Airport to Seoul Incheon 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 52.66% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (20.17%), Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (22.17%) and KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH (5%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed 10.3 million passengers in 2015, flying on the airport's services to 95 destinations across 36 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-May 2016 has exceeded +12%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2016 include:

Already launched:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice, 11 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, 11 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malaga, 17 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, 19 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Liverpool, 23 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Reykjavik/Keflavik, 24 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Baku, 24 March 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, 3 April 2016;
- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Lyon, 26 April 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Corfu, 28 April 2016.
- Air Canada Rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, 11 June 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Ibiza, 18 June 2016;
- Bulgaria Air four-times weekly service to Sofia, 20 June;
- Asiana Airlines weekly service to Seoul Incheon, 1 July.

To launch:

- Ryanair daily service to Berlin, starting 2 September 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Porto, starting 4 September 2016;
- Air Algerie twice-weekly service to Algeria, starting 15 September 2015;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, starting 19 September 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Fuerteventura, starting 30 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Nuremburg, starting 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Lanzarote, starting 2 November 2016;
- Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, starting 1 November 2016.

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