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Budapest Airport intensifies UK route network with British Airways

As Budapest Airport continues to intensify and strengthen its solid route network, with a storming average +12% monthly growth so far this year, the Hungarian gateway is already concentrating on its relentless expansion for 2016. Maintaining its progression, the capital city airport has announced an additional fourth daily flight to British Airways' long established daily connection to London Heathrow.

The national flag carrier's new service will mean an extra 60,000 passengers for Budapest Airport next year, while also offering improved connections to numerous inbound long-haul flights including Los Angeles, San Francisco and Montréal, as well as new connectivity to Hong Kong, Sydney and Cape Town.

Directly serving 36 country markets, the UK is the largest market flown from Budapest, with almost 14% of weekly seats. The London market is also the largest city pair from Budapest at more than double the size of second placed Paris..

Commenting on the frequency increase, Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport said: "This latest announcement for the airport is a clear demonstration of our commitment to bring more choice and availability to our customers. British Airways' frequency increase enhances our reputation as an excellent gateway and a tremendous link to further global destinations. This is superb news and yet another indication of our growing status."

Early forecasts indicated an expectation for Budapest Airport to surpass 9.6 million passengers in 2015, but, having already recording a significant 21% jump in UK visitors alone, the capital city airport is now anticipating reaching the definitive 10 million mark this year.



Photo caption: Budapest Airport intensifies connections to the UK and announces British Airways' an additional fourth daily operations to London Heathrow from 27 March 2016.

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 9.1 million passengers in 2014, flying on the airport's services to 88 destinations across 35 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-August 2015 has exceeded +15%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
Launched since June:
 - Iberia six times weekly service to Madrid, 2 June 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bologna, 5 June 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Glasgow, 13 June 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Alghero, 15 June 2015
 - Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, 18 June 2015

To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, starting 15 September 2015
- Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 25 October 2015
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, starting 30 October 2015
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Eilat-Ovda, starting 7 November 2015
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice, starting 11 March 2016
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, starting 11 March 2016
- Air Canada thrice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 10 June 2016

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