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Budapest Airport reveals Ryanair's Italian routes

Budapest Airport's blistering S18 route network growth looks set to continue into 2019 as the Hungarian gateway announces a further two new routes with Ryanair. Leading the way at the start of S19, the ultra-low-cost carrier (ULCC) will launch new links to Bari and Cagliari, both with a twice-weekly service set to commence in April 2019. Using its 189-seat 737-800s on both routes, Ryanair will add close to 23,000 more seats during the summer season, further expanding its services from the Hungarian capital city airport.

While the ULCC will join Wizz Air in offering direct services to Bari, the port city on the Adriatic Sea, the airline's link to Cagliari will become Budapest's first connection to the capital city of the Italian island, Sardinia. Ryanair's continued growth at Budapest will see the airline serve eight Italian destinations as of next year as the new services join established links to Naples, Milan Bergamo, Palermo, Pisa, Rome Ciampino and Treviso.

Offering more than 720,000 seats to the South European country this year, the addition of Ryanair's latest destinations will further establish Italy's position as Budapest's third-largest country market served. As the airport's Italian links are boosted to 13 destinations, the ULCC has also confirmed its service to Rome Ciampino will increase from seven to nine times weekly as part of the carrier's S19 schedule.

Commenting on the airport's latest route news, Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport, says: "We're always looking to build on our solid network and Ryanair's new routes and frequency increase demonstrate our dedication to offer an ever-expanding selection of destinations. We're especially pleased to confirm our second link to the stunning island of Sardinia, expecting this to be a popular port of call for Hungarian tourists."



Photo caption: Budapest Airport has confirmed Ryanair's third new route for S19 as the ULCC adds twice-weekly services to Bari and Cagliari – the Hungarian gateway's first link to the Italian island of Sardinia.

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 13 million passengers in 2017, flying on the airport's services to 125 destinations across 45 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth August 2018 has exceeded +14%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
 - Already launched:
 - easyJet daily service to Berlin Tegel, 9 January 2018;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Stavanger, 15 March 2018;
 - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Athens, 25 March 2018;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Santander, 26 March 2018;
 - Ryanair three times weekly service to Paphos, 27 March 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines six times weekly service to Krakow, 28 April 2018;
 - Wizz Air five times weekly service to Basel, 3 May 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines four times weekly service to New York JFK, 3 May 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines twice-weekly service to Chicago O'Hare, 5 May 2018;
 - American Airlines daily service to Philadelphia, 5 May 2018.

To launch:

- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Amman, starting 28 October 2018;
- Wizz Air three times weekly service to Doncaster Sheffield, starting 29 October 2018;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marseille, starting 30 October 2018;
- easyJet twice-weekly service to London Southend, starting 2 November 2018;
- easyJet twice-weekly service to Manchester, starting 5 November 2018;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Eilat Ovda, starting 9 November 2018;
- LOT Polish Airlines 12 times weekly service to London City, starting 19 February 2019;
- Transavia France twice-weekly service to Nantes, starting 7 April 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Cork, April 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Bari, April 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Cagliari, April 2019.

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