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Iberia increases at Budapest Airport

Budapest Airport has announced further development in its continuous growth and progression with the welcome return of Iberia next summer, with an expanded flying programme. Following the success of the airline's seasonal service to Madrid this year, Spain's largest carrier (according to week commencing 24 November 2016) will resume the operation two months earlier in 2017, and with enhanced capacity, adding more than 6,600 seats to the Hungarian gateway's seasonal schedule.

Set to commence as a twice-weekly service from 8 April 2017, Iberia's link to the Spanish capital city will increase to a daily service during the peak season, offering a highly competitive service to the national carrier's hub and onward connections. Reducing capacity to three-times weekly in September, the 1,977-kilometre sector will be served using the airline's fleet of A320s and A321s, until the winter suspension of the route, having operated 27% more flights year-on year.

Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport comments: "The team works hard to enrich proven successful routes, so we're more than happy to announce Iberia's confirmed extended season and enhanced capacity on this vital route. The new and improved schedule boosts the choice for our customers during the summer season, providing essential onward connections to numerous Spanish resort destinations, while notably adding to our South and North American links within the IAG portfolio and oneworld alliance. Further growth looks promising, I have no doubt Iberia's additional seats will be filled, and we look forward to targeting a year-round opportunity with our airline partner."



Photo caption: Budapest Airport's CCO, Kam Jandu (left), welcomed Iberia's inaugural flight from Madrid in June 2015. Having now confirmed a return of the seasonal service for a third year, Spain's national carrier has announced enhanced capacity to commence 8 April 2017.

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 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-October 2016 has exceeded +12.1%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:

Launched since June:

- 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;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Varna, 3 August;
- Ryanair daily service to Berlin, 2 September 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Porto, 4 September 2016;
- Air Algerie twice-weekly service to Algeria, 15 September 2015;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, 19 September 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Fuerteventura, 30 October 2016;
- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Venice Marco Polo, 31 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Nuremberg, 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Lanzarote, 2 November 2016.

To launch:

- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Amsterdam, starting 6 February 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, starting 1 April 2017;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, starting 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, starting 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, starting 12 April 2017.

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