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## Iberia becomes latest airline to join Budapest Airport

In a historic return, Spain's national carrier, Iberia – a leading International Airlines Group airline – launched a seasonal Madrid service from Budapest Airport yesterday. The 1,977-kilometre sector from the Spanish carrier's hub at Madrid Airport will be operated six times a week, using the airline's fleet of A320s, until 22 October.

Providing Hungarian passengers with additional connections from the Spanish capital city airport, Iberia will most notably boost Budapest Airport's link to Latin America. Celia Muñoz, Iberia's Head of Sales for Europe and Africa, states: "We're delighted to complete our network in Central Europe with the Budapest-Madrid route. The Hungarian capital is a very popular destination among Spanish tourists."

Kam Jandu, Chief Commercial Officer, Budapest Airport adds: "I am so pleased that Spain's national carrier has returned to the vital Madrid trunk route. We're all really looking forward to working with Iberia this summer, a year that is already promising extensive further growth for us."



Photo caption: Budapest Airport's CCO, Kam Jandu, welcomes Iberia's inaugural flight from Madrid, by presenting Celia Muñoz, Head of Sales, Iberia and His Excellency José Ángel López Jorrín, Spanish Ambassador, with a traditional celebratory cake.

## 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-April 2015 has exceeded +10%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
  - Already launched:
    - Vueling thrice-weekly services to Barcelona and Rome, 27 March 2015
    - SAS four times weekly service to Stockholm Arlanda, 29 March 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lisbon, 30 March 2015
    - Ryanair four times weekly service to Athens, 1 April 2015
    - Air China four times weekly service to Beijing, 1 May 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Maastricht, 15 May 2015
    - Wizz Air once-weekly service to Hurghada, 16 May 2015
    - Iberia six times weekly service to Madrid, 2 June 2015
  - To launch:
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bologna, starting 5 June 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Glasgow, starting 13 June 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Alghero, starting 15 June 2015
    - Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, starting 18 June 2015
    - SkyGreece Airlines twice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 18 June 2015
    - Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 25 October 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, starting 30 October 2015

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