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Budapest Airport welcomes new route and more seats from Jet2.com

Already serving Budapest Airport from East Midlands, Edinburgh, Leeds Bradford and Manchester, the Hungarian capital gateway announces that Jet2.com will add a new service to Birmingham commencing 8 November 2019. With the airline's additional commitment to increase winter flights on its existing four routes for W19/20, Jet2.com will offer over 30% more capacity from Budapest next winter, with 110,000 seats to go on sale.

"Budapest Airport is delighted to welcome yet another connection to the UK from our partner Jet2.com," comments Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport. "The flights, especially from winter next year, will provide excellent connections between two great cities. We especially look forward to welcoming guests from the UK Midlands catchment area to experience our excellent winter festivities, including the unique spa facilities, great variety of bars and restaurants, and of course the recently awarded best Christmas market in Europe."

Jet2.com services to Birmingham will operate twice-weekly on Mondays and Fridays using the airline's 189-seat 737-800s. The new route itself will contribute 17,000 more seats to the market between Budapest and the UK in W19/20. While more than 49,000 passengers travelled between Birmingham and Budapest last year courtesy of Wizz Air's existing service, over 36,000 people have flown between the two cities during the first nine months of 2018.

The decision by Jet2.com to invest in Budapest for W19/20 is a further sign of airlines' commitment to serve between Hungary and the UK, particularly airports outside London. Over 406,000 people flew between Budapest and non-London airports in the UK during the period from January to September, up 11.7% versus the same months of 2017. Along with Jet2.com's news, Wizz Air will initiate a three times weekly link to Doncaster Sheffield from 28 October, while easyJet will add flights to Manchester and London Southend from November. On top of this, LOT Polish Airlines will initiate a 12 times weekly service to London City in February, meaning all six London airports will be served from Budapest in 2019.



Photo caption: Budapest Airport announces Jet2.com's commitment for W19/20, adding a new service to Birmingham and increasing winter flights on its existing four routes which will result in more than 30% additional capacity from the Hungarian capital city next year.

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 September 2018 has exceeded +11%.
- 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;
- Myway Airlines three times weekly service to Tbilisi, starting 28 October 2018;
- Wizz Air three times weekly service to Doncaster Sheffield, starting 28 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 to London City, starting 19 February 2019;
- Transavia France twice-weekly to Nantes, starting 7 April 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly to Cork, 4 April 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Cagliari, 1 May 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Seville, 2 May 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Bari, 3 May 2019;
- Jet2.com twice-weekly service to Birmingham, 8 November 2019.

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