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## Ryanair to double Irish destinations from Budapest for 2019

Already serving Budapest Airport from Dublin, the largest gateway to Hungary has announced that Europe's leading low-cost airline, Ryanair, is to commence flights to another Irish destination from April 2019. The carrier will introduce a twice-weekly service to Cork, Ireland's second largest city, using its fleet of 189-seat 737-800s.

Ryanair is presently Budapest's second largest airline customer, flying to 31 destinations from the Hungarian capital this summer, offering 145 weekly departures. Along with the announcement of flights to Cork for 2019, the carrier has already confirmed it will launch flights from Budapest to Amman in Jordan and Marseille in Southern France this coming winter season.

"It is great to see that Ryanair has announced further expansion from next summer with this service to Cork," comments Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport. "Situated at the southern tip of Ireland, Cork is a gateway to those wanting to explore the Wild Atlantic Way and the world-famous Blarney Castle, while the city itself is great for business, with technical giants including Apple who have their European headquarters in the region." Bogáts adds: "This service will be ideal for those wanting to travel for business, or to discover the many pleasures of Cork. We are sure this route will be popular for inbound traffic too."

Over 235,000 passengers travelled between Budapest and the Irish capital of Dublin last year, with passenger numbers during the first half of this year showing that the market is just as popular as it was in 2017. As the new route is expected to add a further 21,000 seats to the Budapest market next summer, the announcement of flights to Cork clearly shows the popularity of the Irish market.



Photo caption: Following inaugural celebrations earlier in the year, Ryanair, Europe's largest low-cost airline, has confirmed that it will launch twice-weekly flights from Budapest to Cork next April. The new service is expected to generate a further 21,000 seats to the Budapest market next summer.

#### 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 to London City, starting 19 February 2019;
- Transavia France twice-weekly to Nantes, starting 7 April 2019.
- Ryanair twice-weekly to Cork, April 2019.

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