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## Budapest tempts back TAP Portugal

This week Budapest Airport has announced another important new route with the confirmation that Portuguese flag carrier, TAP Portugal, will return with a daily service between Budapest and Portugal's capital city, Lisbon. The Star Alliance carrier will begin the connection on 1 July 2017, operating the 2,478-kilometre sector using its fleet of 132-seat A319s.

TAP Portugal will join Wizz Air in serving a direct link to Lisbon next summer, meaning Budapest will offer a total of 1,644 weekly seats to Portugal during the high season. Returning to the Portuguese market will give TAP Portugal a 56% share of weekly flights, while adding a number of important onward destinations from the airline's hub including Morocco, Brazil and Cape Verde, as well as making South America more accessible than ever from Hungary's capital city.

Commenting on the announcement, Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport said: "As the capital, Lisbon is also the largest city of Portugal, the centre of business and culture, making it an ideal destination for leisure and business passengers alike. Continuing to experience exceptional growth, Budapest is expecting to reach a 22% increase in passenger traffic from 2014 to this year-end, with TAP Portugal's new route to Lisbon further enhancing the airport's significant development and Hungary's rapidly expanding tourism."



Photo caption: Budapest Airport has announced the return of TAP Portugal next July, with the Portuguese flag carrier launching a daily service between the Hungarian gateway and Portugal's capital city, Lisbon.

## 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, starting 19 September 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Fuerteventura, starting 30 October 2016;
- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Venice Marco Polo, starting 31 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Nuremberg, starting 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, starting 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Lanzarote, starting 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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