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Transavia France to boost Budapest's French offering

Already serving the Hungarian capital from Paris Orly, Budapest Airport is delighted to announce that its airline partner Transavia France is further committing to the airport by adding a second route from next year. Launching 7 April 2019, the carrier will commence a twice-weekly summer seasonal service from Nantes, with flights expected to be flown on the carrier's fleet of 189-seat 737-800s.

Transavia France's announcement of launching non-stop services to Nantes means that for next summer, Budapest will offer direct flights to at least seven destinations in France, with Nantes joining existing services to Paris' Beauvais, CDG and Orly airports, plus Bordeaux, Lyon and Nice. The market will also receive a further boost this coming winter season as Ryanair begins a twice-weekly service to Marseille. The result of Transavia France's investment means it will increase seat capacity from Budapest next summer by 50%.

"It is great that Transavia France is showing further commitment to the Budapest market by launching flights from Nantes next year," comments Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport. "Renowned for its splendid scenery as well as numerous galleries, museums and castles, I am sure that this destination will not only prove popular with Budapest passengers wanting to explore more of regional France, but also for the those living in France's sixth largest city wanting to explore the wonders of Budapest and Hungary."

France is the fifth largest country market from Budapest, with over 693,000 passengers travelling directly between the Hungarian capital and the Western European country last year. Results for the first half of this year show that it is also a market showing strong growth, with passenger number between January and June 2018 up 5.2% versus the same period of 2017. Flights to Nantes will go on sale from 17 September. The airline's Dutch unit – Transavia – also serves Budapest, offering flights from Eindhoven.



Photo caption: Already serving Budapest from Paris Orly, Transavia France will launch a twice-weekly, summer seasonal route to Nantes from 7 April 2019, opening more regional French city services from the Hungarian capital.

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.

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