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Wizz Air triples Canary Islands links from Budapest

Budapest Airport has announced today that Wizz Air will be adding another two links from the Hungarian gateway this winter. Having already celebrated four of the ultra-low-cost carrier's (ULCC) new routes this year, and with three further routes still to launch, Wizz Air has confirmed new connections to Fuerteventura and Lanzarote, set to start from 30 October and 2 November respectively.

Adding to its Tenerife operation, Wizz Air's new weekly services will triple its links between Budapest and the Canary Islands, and as new destinations for both the airport and the airline, the ULCC faces no competition on either of the airport pairs. Confirming the addition of two further Spanish winter sun resorts, means Budapest's fourth largest country market now has nine connections, with close to 10,000 weekly seats available.

Commenting on the announcement, Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport says: "Wizz Air has seen the potential in connecting Budapest to our missing links in the Canary Islands, meaning we can now offer our passengers a full service to the four main islands of the Spanish archipelago. We are continuing to charge ahead in the first quarter of 2016, and the ongoing support of our home-based carrier is another sign of the promising year ahead."

Budapest Airport has shown an average passenger traffic growth of over 13% during the first three months of 2016. Welcoming a quarter of a million more passengers than this time last year, the Hungarian gateway is firmly on the road to reaching its targeted 10.9 million passengers for 2016.



Photo caption: Last October saw Wizz Air launch Budapest Airport's first link to Tenerife South, the largest Canary Island. Having announced new weekly services to Fuerteventura and Lanzarote today, the Hungarian capital airport now has connections to the four main islands of the Spanish archipelago.

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 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-March 2016 has exceeded +13%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2016 include:

Already launched:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, 11 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malaga, 17 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, 19 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Liverpool, 23 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Reykjavik/Keflavik, 24 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Baku, 24 March 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, 3 April 2016;
- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Lyon, 26 April 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Corfu, starting 28 April 2016.

To launch:

- Air Canada rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 11 June 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Ibiza, starting 18 June 2016;
- Ellinair weekly service to Thessaloniki, starting 19 June 2016;
- Asiana Airlines weekly service to Seoul Incheon, starting 1 July;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, starting 19 September 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Berlin, starting 30 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Nuremburg, starting 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, starting 1 November 2016.

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