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Budapest Airport's route to Russia with Wizz Air

As part of Budapest Airport's strategy to further develop its route network to the east, the Hungarian gateway launched its second link to Russia when it celebrated Wizz Air's new service to St. Petersburg. Last flown in 2014, the ultra-low-cost carrier's (ULCC) resumption of the highly demanded link will see Russia become Budapest's 12th largest country market served.

With an overall potential market for the direct link expected to be 30,000 passengers, the ULCC will launch the route as a twice-weekly service to Russia's second largest city. The start of W17/18 will see the frequency increase to three times weekly, with an additional service to be added by S18, resulting in the route being operated Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Serving both business travellers and tourists alike the link will remove the need to connect via other Eastern hubs.



Celebrating the resumption of a direct link to St. Petersburg, Budapest Airport welcomed Wizz Air's twice-weekly service which commenced on 27 August. With its new link to the Russian port city, Wizz Air now offers 245 weekly flights from Budapest and close to 4.5 million seats in total from Hungary's capital city throughout the 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 11.4 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 111 destinations across 38 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth July 2017 has exceeded +15.4%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:

Already launched:

- easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, 1 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, 2 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, 3 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, 7 April 2017;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, 12 April 2017;
- Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, 4 May 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, 8 June 2017;
- Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, 15 June 2017;
- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, 2 July 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to St Petersburg, starting 27 August 2017.

To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, starting 22 September 2017;
- Ryanair five times weekly service to Prague, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Palermo, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Valencia, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Edinburgh, starting 30 October 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Agadir, starting 31 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Naples, starting 31 October 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Stavanger, starting 15 March 2018;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Santander, starting 01 April 2018
- Wizz Air five times weekly service to Basel, starting 3 May 2018;
- LOT Polish Airlines four times weekly service to New York (JFK), starting 3 May 2018;
- LOT Polish Airlines twice-weekly service to Chicago, starting 5 May 2018;
- American Airlines daily service to Philadelphia, starting 5 May 2018.

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