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Budapest Airport Russian restoration

Having already added an exceptional 23 new routes for 2017, Budapest Airport has further expanded its route network by announcing the restoration of a direct link to St. Petersburg. The Hungarian gateway, which recorded a remarkable average of 17% passenger traffic growth in Q1 2017, has confirmed Wizz Air's twice-weekly service to Russia's second largest city will launch on 27 August.

Serving 63 destinations from Budapest this summer, Wizz Air's new operation will be its second route to Russia, joining the ultra-low-cost carrier's (ULCC) existing daily service to Moscow Vnukovo. Facing no direct competition on the airport pair, which was last flown by UTair in 2014, the ULCC's resumption of the highly demanded link will see Russia become Budapest's 12th largest country market served.

"St. Petersburg has consistently recorded our highest indirect traffic within Europe," explains Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Business Development, Budapest Airport. "Those passengers which have had to connect via Moscow Sheremetyevo, Frankfurt or Riga in the past will now be able to benefit from Wizz Air's strategically important new link. We're confident the direct link will be in high demand from both business travellers as well as among tourists from both countries," added Bogáts.

With its new link to the Russian port city, Wizz Air will now offer 245 weekly flights from Budapest this summer, in total close to 4.5 million seats from Hungary's capital city throughout the year.



Photo caption: Launching nine new routes with Wizz Air at the start of S17, Budapest Airport confirms the restoration of a direct link to St. Petersburg, the ultra-low-cost carrier commencing its 63rd destinations as of 27 August 2017.

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 March 2017 has exceeded +12.1%.
- 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, starting 12 April 2017;
- Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, starting 4 May 2017.

To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, starting 8 June 2017;
- Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, starting 15 June 2017;
- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 1 July 2017;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, starting 22 September 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Lviv, starting 25 October 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;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Naples, starting 30 October 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017.

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