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Budapest Airport's network gets Nordic and Swiss surge

As part of the airline's plans to base two further aircraft at the airport next summer, Wizz Air will add two routes from its Budapest base for S18, namely to Stavanger and Basel. Services to the Norwegian city will be flown twice-weekly from 15 March next year, while the Swiss city sector will be operated five times weekly from 3 May.

"Coming just a few months after Wizz Air launched its services to Bergen, we are over-the-moon that our biggest airline partner has decided to add Stavanger as our third destination in the country," enthuses Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport. He added: "The number of passengers between Hungary and the Scandinavian country grew by 26% last year, so Norway clearly is a growth market for us."

Budapest currently offers 12 weekly flights to the home of Santa Claus and the Northern Lights, split between Oslo (10 times weekly) and Bergen (twice-weekly). The addition of the route to Stavanger will see the airport offer over 2,500 weekly seats to the Scandinavian country on 14 weekly frequencies, strengthening its position as the fourth largest market in this important region.

"A city break could be popular on both sides of this exciting new route," comments Bogáts on the extra five weekly rotations to Basel. "Given the Swiss airport's unique location, it serves three country markets – Switzerland, France and Germany – we look forward to providing better connectivity to this multi-cultural region."

These extra services to Basel will see the seat capacity and weekly frequency to the city leapfrog those that are presently offered to the #2 Swiss market of Geneva. In total, Budapest will witness 39 weekly services and over 6,100 weekly seats to the land of watches, chocolate and cuckoo clocks next summer, as a result of Wizz Air's S18 expansion plans.

(Data - week commencing 14 August 2017.)



Photo caption: Having launched services from Budapest to Bergen just a few months ago, Wizz Air adds Stavanger as the Hungarian gateway's third Norwegian destination, while also confirming a five-times weekly service to Basel next summer.

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 May 2017 has exceeded +12.2%.
- 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;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, starting 8 June 2017;
- Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, starting 15 June 2017.

To launch:

- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 2 July 2017;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to St Petersburg, starting 27 August 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;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Stavanger, starting 15 March 2018;
- Wizz Air, five times weekly service to Basel, starting 3 May 2018.

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