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## Wizz Air to add 65,000 extra seats from Budapest Airport during S17

Budapest Airport has announced that Wizz Air will be expanding operations from the Hungarian gateway for S17, adding four new destinations and increasing frequencies on existing services. The ultra-low-cost carrier's (ULCC) expansion will bring an extra 12 departing flights per week, and up to 65,000 additional seats from Budapest during the summer season.

### Reinstating links to Hannover

Enhancing existing links to northern Germany, Wizz Air will be reinstating Budapest's direct route to Hannover, last operated by Eurowings in 2010. Commencing 10 April, the ULCC will be offering a four-times weekly link for the high volume of indirect traffic continually recorded from the region.

### Another Portuguese destination served

Having added Lisbon and Porto to its route network from Budapest during the last 12 months, Wizz Air will be including a twice-weekly service to Faro in its Portuguese destinations from 1 April. Increasing number of indirect passengers last year, the home-based carrier will be launching Budapest's first scheduled link to the popular holiday destination in the Algarve region of southern Portugal.

### Alternative city break

With almost 10,000 Hungarian travellers choosing a Norwegian city break last year, Wizz Air will begin a twice-weekly service to Bergen from 10 April. Another new connection on Budapest's route network, the link to the coastal city will also be the ULCC's first direct flight to Norway from Hungary.

### Increasing holiday choice

Seeing a rapid increase in the popularity of Italy as a leisure destination, Wizz Air will launch Budapest's first direct connection to Lamezia Terme on 12 April. The link to the Italian city in the Calabria region will complement the carrier's already served Italian destination of Naples, Bari and Catania.

In addition there will be increased departures each week to two of the home-based airline's routes launched earlier this year. Having already witnessed high demand on its links to Liverpool and Nice, Wizz Air will be adding an additional weekly service to each route, meaning both will be operated thrice-weekly from next summer.

Commenting on the carrier's latest route development, Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport, says: "Wizz Air continues to be an ever-growing airline at Budapest and these latest new destinations will see our largest airline partner directly connecting Hungary's capital city to 58 cities. This continued commitment from Wizz Air is a reflection on the confidence everyone has for even more growth here at Budapest."



Photo caption: Launching another recent resumption of seasonal services to Varna, Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport, welcomed Wizz Air's twice-weekly service to Bulgaria's seaside resort on 3 August. The ULCC has now announced it will be reinstating Budapest's direct route to Hannover in S17.

#### 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 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-August 2016 has exceeded +5.9%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2016 include:  
Launched since April:
  - Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, 3 April 2016;
  - easyJet thrice-weekly service to Lyon, 26 April 2016;
  - Ryanair, weekly service to Corfu, 28 April 2016.
  - Air Canada Rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, 11 June 2016;
  - Wizz Air weekly service to Ibiza, 18 June 2016;
  - Bulgaria Air four-times weekly service to Sofia, 20 June;
  - Asiana Airlines weekly service to Seoul Incheon, 1 July;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Varna, 3 August;
  - Ryanair daily service to Berlin, 2 September 2016;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Porto, 4 September 2016.

#### To launch:

- Air Algerie twice-weekly service to Algeria, starting 15 September 2015;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, starting 19 September 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Fuerteventura, starting 30 October 2016;
- EasyJet thrice-weekly service to Venice Marco Polo, starting 31 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Nuremberg, starting 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Lanzarote, starting 2 November 2016;
- Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, starting 1 November 2016.

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