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Budapest Airport intensifies route network

As Budapest Airport continues to intensify and strengthen its solid route network, with a storming average +16% monthly growth so far this year, the Hungarian gateway is already concentrating on its relentless expansion for 2016. Maintaining its progression, the capital city airport has announced a significant frequency increase with British Airways, which will mean an extra 60,000 passengers next year.

With an additional fourth daily flight to British Airways' long established daily connection to London Heathrow, the national flag carrier's increased service will offer improved connections from 3 May to numerous long-haul flights including Los Angeles, San Francisco and Montréal, as well as new connectivity to Hong Kong, Sydney and Cape Town.

Directly serving 36 country markets, the additional operations will firmly establish the UK as the largest country market flown from Budapest, with almost 14% of weekly seats. Having recorded a significant 21% jump in UK visitors this year, the London market is also the largest city pair from Budapest at more than double the size of second-placed Paris.

Commenting on the frequency increase, Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport said: "This latest announcement for the airport is a clear demonstration of our commitment to bring more choice and availability to our customers. The frequency increase enhances our reputation as an excellent gateway and a tremendous link to further global destinations. This is superb news and yet another indication of our growing status."

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Announcing yet another two new links, the Hungarian capital city airport has confirmed that Ryanair will be adding a weekly service to the airline's newest base in Corfu. Commencing the route on 28 April 2016, the low-cost carrier has significantly broadened its S16 schedule from Budapest, now offering 18 routes in total. While home-based carrier Wizz Air will be relaunching flights to Heydar Aliyev from 27 March, the twice weekly service will see a welcome return of direct connections from Hungary to Baku.

Significant new routes and frequency increases

| Airline | Destination | New route | Frequency/Capacity Increase |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| British Airway | London Heathrow | | 3 daily to 4 daily |
| Emirates | Dubai | | A330 to B777 |
| Ryanair (new) | Corfu | Weekly | |
| Ryanair (new) | Malaga | 2 weekly | |
| Ryanair (new) | Malta | 2 weekly | |
| Transavia | Rotterdam | | 6 weekly to 11 weekly |
| LOT Polish | Warsaw | | 24 weekly to 26 weekly |
| Wizz Air | Gothenburg | | 3 weekly to 4 weekly in peak |
| Wizz Air | Malta | | 2 weekly to 3 weekly off-peak |
| Wizz Air | Heydar Aliyev | 2 weekly | |



Photo caption: Budapest Airport intensifies connections to the UK and announces British Airways' frequency increase of an additional four weekly operations to London Heathrow from 3 May 2016.

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 9.1 million passengers in 2014, flying on the airport's services to 88 destinations across 35 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-September 2015 has exceeded +16%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
 - Launched since September:
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, starting 15 September 2015;
 - Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 26 October 2015;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, starting 30 October 2015.
 - To launch:
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Eilat-Ovda, starting 7 November 2015;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice, starting 11 March 2016;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, starting 11 March 2016;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malaga, starting March 2016;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, starting March 2016;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Heydar Aliyev, starting 27 March 2016
 - Air Canada rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 10 June 2016.

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