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BUD's summer hots up with eight new routes and four new airlines

Budapest Airport is in line to continue its best-ever start to a year in a decade, adding eight new routes and welcoming four new airlines for the S14 timetable. Recording an 8% increase in passenger traffic in February alone, the expanding summer schedule highlights the airport's trend of continued growth.

The Hungarian capital city airport kick-starts S14 by launching four new routes in the first week. On 30 March, Norwegian will add its fifth route to the airport's network, inaugurating a thrice-weekly service to London Gatwick and boosting connections to the UK. The same day will mark the beginning of Air Serbia's association with the airport, when the carrier commences Budapest's second link to Belgrade. Meanwhile, having chosen Budapest among its first destinations, the airport will also welcome UP, the low-cost subsidiary of Israeli airline El Al, and its flight from Tel Aviv on 2 April. Concluding the first week of the summer schedule, 3 April brings the return of Jet2.com's twice-weekly service to Leeds Bradford, following large demand for this airport pairing.

As this year's late Easter approaches, mid-April sees the Central European airport welcoming two further new airlines when Vueling and transavia.com France commence operations at Budapest. transavia.com France links its base at Paris Orly Airport from 15 April and Vueling will be offering Easter flights (17 and 21 April) to Barcelona, before its full thrice-weekly service begins on 20 June.

Home-based Wizz Air starts 36th route

Demonstrating its growth and expansion at Budapest, Wizz Air will add its 36th service, with the addition of a weekly flight to Alicante for the seasonal period 14 June – 13 September, as well as a twice-weekly service to Kutaisi from 30 September. Basing its eighth aircraft at the airport in June, the airline strengthens its route development at Budapest.

Budapest's new airlines and routes S14

Airline	Destination	Starting Date	Weekly Frequency
Norwegian	London Gatwick	30 March	3
Air Serbia (new)	Belgrade	30 March	7
UP (new) by ELAL	Tel Aviv	2 April	10
Jet2.com	Leeds Bradford	3 April	2
transavia.com France (new)	Paris Orly	15 April	2
Vueling (new)	Barcelona	17 April	3
Wizz Air	Alicante	14 June	1
Wizz Air	Kutaisi	30 September	2

Kam Jandu, CCO of Budapest Airport, comments: "The 2014 summer season is a significant time for many of our existing airline partners who are celebrating momentous anniversaries – TAP and Wizz Air both observe a decade of working with us, while we are honoured to mark LOT's 85th birthday, having flown to Budapest Airport for 75 of those years. I applaud the enterprise of all our airline partners, new and existing. To be able to offer our passengers a variety of airlines and an ever expanding selection of great destinations is a top priority for us."

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 49.67% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (18.17%), Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (18.17%), Aero Investment S.á.r.l. (10%) and KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH (4%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed 8.5 million passengers in 2013, flying on the airport's services to 99 destinations across 34 countries.

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