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Budapest Airport launches fifth London airport connection with Flybe

Following another record-breaking year for passenger traffic, Budapest Airport's high expectations for further route development continues with the announcement of its first new airline partner for 2017. Having already confirmed 11 new operations for this year, the Hungarian gateway will welcome Flybe's three times weekly service to London Southend from May, the airport's fifth link to the UK capital city.

As of this summer Budapest will directly serve 41 country markets, the UK being one of the largest market flown (in terms of weekly seats) from Hungary's capital city airport. The London market is by far the largest city pair from Budapest with the airport expecting to serve 1.5 million round-trip passengers to and from the UK capital this year, a notable 14% year-on-year increase. Joining existing links to London Gatwick, London Heathrow, London Luton and London Stansted, Flybe's new service to London Southend means Budapest will offer 14 daily flights consisting of over 34,000 two-way weekly seats to London in S17.

Commenting on the latest addition to Budapest's route network, the airport's CCO, Kam Jandu said: "Announcing the arrival of a new airline partner to the Hungarian market is a great way to start the year. Flybe was looking for a first-class European city-break destination and we're certain Budapest will meet all expectations, in fact we're extremely confident it won't be long before we will be seeing a frequency increase on this route." He added: "I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our airline partners for their support throughout 2016 – exceeding the 11.4 million passenger mark could only be reached through the continued teamwork and strong partnerships we're fortunate to have here at Budapest."



Photo caption: Budapest Airport announces its first new airline partner for 2017, welcoming Flybe's three times weekly service to London Southend from May.

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-November 2016 has exceeded +15%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
Launched since September:
 - Ryanair daily service to Berlin, 2 September 2016;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Porto, 4 September 2016;
 - Air Algerie twice-weekly service to Algeria, 15 September 2015;
 - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, 19 September 2016;
 - Wizz Air weekly service to Fuerteventura, 30 October 2016;
 - easyJet thrice-weekly service to Venice Marco Polo, 31 October 2016;
 - Ryanair daily service to Nuremberg, 1 November 2016;
 - Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, 1 November 2016;
 - Wizz Air weekly service to Lanzarote, 2 November 2016.

To launch:

- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Amsterdam, starting 6 February 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, starting 1 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, starting 2 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, starting 3 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, starting 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, starting 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, starting 7 April 2017;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, starting 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, starting 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, starting 12 April 2017;
- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 1 July 2017.

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