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Cologne Bonn connects Germany to Basque Country

Cologne Bonn Airport has this week announced a significant new route with the confirmation that Ryanair will commence Germany's first direct link to the Spanish city, Vitoria, from Cologne Bonn. The Irish ultra-low-cost carrier (ULCC) will begin the twice-weekly service on 30 October, meaning that Cologne Bonn will operate the only international link from Central Europe to the capital city of Basque Country this winter.

"With the route to Vitoria, Ryanair now offers a unique product from Cologne Bonn," Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Management Board, Cologne Bonn Airport.

The addition of the Vitoria link means that Ryanair will serve 10 Spanish destinations from Cologne Bonn during W16/17. Offering 34 weekly flights the ULCC's new service joins existing links to Alicante, Barcelona, Gran Canaria, Madrid, Malaga, Palma de Mallorca, Seville, Tenerife South and Valencia. In total the Irish carrier will connect the German airport to 27 destinations this winter, offering more than 150 weekly flights.

Last year saw over 4,000 indirect passengers travelling between Cologne Bonn and Basque Country via an intermediate airport, so Ryanair's new service to Vitoria means travellers will no longer need to transfer flights to explore Northern Spain. Being Germany's only non-stop flight to Vitoria, there is also potential that the link may attract passengers from other parts of the country and other Northern European nations via Cologne Bonn.



Photo caption: Cologne Bonn Airport announces that Ryanair will commence Germany's first direct link to Basque Country's capital city, with a twice-weekly service to Vitoria on 30 October.

Notes for Editors

- Flughafen Köln/Bonn GmbH is the operator of Cologne Bonn Airport. The public enterprise is owned by a consortium of shareholders, jointly-led by the Federal Republic of Germany (30.94%), and the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (30.94%), together with the City of Cologne (31.12%), the City of Bonn (6.06%), the Rhein-Sieg district (0.59%), and the Rheinisch Bergisch district (0.35%).
- Cologne Bonn Airport welcomed 11.9 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 126 destinations across 44 countries, and handled 786,000 tonnes of cargo.
- Cologne Bonn Airport's route development 2017 includes:
 - Already launched:
 - Eurowings three times weekly service to Sylt, 26 March 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Craiova, 27 March 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tuzla, 27 March 2017;
 - Ellinair three times weekly service to Thessaloniki, starting 8 April 2017.
 - To launch:
 - Stobart Air, operated by Flybe, six times weekly service to London-Southend, starting 1 May 2017;
 - Eurowings weekly service to Zakynthos, starting 6 May 2017;
 - Eurowings three times weekly service to Las Vegas, starting 2 June 2017;
 - Eurowings weekly service to Karpathos, starting 5 June 2017;
 - Eurowings weekly service to Preveza, starting 5 June 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Košice, starting 25 June 2017;
 - Eurowings twice-weekly service to Orlando, starting 8 July 2017;
 - Eurowings twice-weekly service to Seattle, starting 11 July 2017;
 - Eurowings twice-weekly service to Windhoek, starting 12 July 2017;
 - TAP Portugal double-daily service to Lisbon, starting 15 July 2017;
 - Air Arabia Maroc twice-weekly service to Agadir, starting 2 October 2017;
 - Ryanair four times weekly service to Bristol, starting 29 October 2017;

- Ryanair daily service to Manchester, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Vitoria, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Vilnius, starting 1 November 2017.
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Bologna, starting 1 November 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Seville, starting 2 November 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Venice Treviso, starting 2 November 2017;
- Eurowings weekly service to Cape Town, starting 5 November 2017;
- Eurowings weekly service to Grenoble, starting 2 December 2017;
- Eurowings twice-weekly service to Innsbruck, starting 2 December 2017.

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