

Cologne Bonn Airport

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Wizz Air's new target from Cologne Bonn

Cologne Bonn Airport's route network expansion continues with the announcement that Wizz Air will launch a direct link to Craiova next year. Due to commence the twice-weekly service on 27 March 2017, the ultra-low-cost carrier (ULCC) will connect Cologne Bonn to Romania's sixth largest city.

Serving the Romanian market from Cologne Bonn alongside Blue Air, the ULCC will face no direct competition on the new airport pair, operating the 1,450-kilometre sector with the carrier's A320 fleet. Currently offering almost 1,200 weekly seats to Romania, the extra frequencies will give Wizz Air a 47% share of weekly capacity to the south-eastern European country from Cologne Bonn next year.

As one of Europe's largest low-cost carriers, the airline currently has a fleet of 73 A320 and A321, serving 130 destinations in 38 countries. Adding to its network from Cologne Bonn, Wizz Air recently announced the launch of a link to Tuzla – the economic, cultural and tourist centre of north-east Bosnia and Herzegovina – from 27 March 2017. As the airport's ninth largest carrier in terms of weekly seats, the ULCC will now offer eight routes from Cologne Bonn, the new services complementing the airline's existing flights to Skopje, Sofia, Cluj-Napoca, Gdansk, Katowice and Kiev Zhulyany.



Photo caption: Wizz Air has announced the commencement of a direct route to Craiova, launching the twice-weekly service on 27 March 2017, the same day as the ULCC's new link to Tuzla. The airline will now operate eight routes from Cologne Bonn next summer.

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 10.3 million passengers in 2015, flying on the airport's services to 119 destinations across 42 countries, and handled 758,000 tonnes of cargo.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-September 2016 has exceeded +12% (1,227,453 passengers).

- Cologne Bonn Airport's route development 2016 includes:
 - Already launched since June:
 - Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Boston, 1 June 2016;
 - Blue Air twice-weekly service to Iasi, 3 June 2016;
 - Eurowings weekly service to Bodrum, 5 June 2016;
 - Eurowings weekly service to Pristina, 5 June 2016;
 - Borajet twice-weekly service to Edremit, 7 June 2016;
 - Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Moscow Domodedovo, 9 June 2016;
 - Turkish Airlines weekly service to Antalya, 9 July 2016 (charter);
 - Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Miami, 1 September 2016;
 - Eurowings twice-weekly service to Salalah, 1 October 2016;
 - Ryanair daily service to Sofia, 6 September 2016;
 - SunExpress Germany twice-weekly service to Agadir, 1 November 2016; (charter)
 - People's Viennaline 10 times weekly service to Friedrichshafen, 2 November 2016.
 - To launch:
 - Eurowings weekly service to Santo Domingo, starting 15 November 2016 (charter);
 - Eurowings weekly service to Havana, starting 15 December 2016;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Craiova, starting 27 March 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tuzla, starting 27 March 2017;
 - Eurowings weekly service to Zakynthos, starting 6 May 2017.

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