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More choice, more variety and more Leeds Bradford routes for Yorkshire sun seekers

Thomson and First Choice increase capacity from Leeds Bradford Airport and introduce two new routes

Thomson and First Choice are pleased to announce that in summer 2016 they will be increasing capacity at Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) through the introduction of additional seats and new routes to Mahon, Menorca and Paphos, Cyprus.

The move to introduce these routes is part of the UK's leading holiday company's strategy to ensure customers across the UK can fly from their local airport and stay at the best hotels in some of the most exciting destinations. The new routes go on sale on the 23rd April 2015.

Not only will customers from Leeds Bradford be able to fly to 9 fantastic Mediterranean destinations, but they will also have the opportunity to choose varying durations – not just the standard seven and 14 night stays. Customers travelling from the airport will also have access to some of Thomson and First Choice's most popular flagship hotels including Sensatori Resort Aphrodite Hills in Cyprus – new for summer 2015 and overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, the resort is home to an award winning spa, family swim up rooms and a range of restaurants.

Karen Switzer, Director of Aviation Planning for Thomson and First Choice, said;

“Adding more capacity from Leeds Bradford and with the introduction of new routes to Menorca and Cyprus demonstrates our commitment to the airport and the local area. Following the success of similar routes across a number of regional airports, we know that the demand is there.

“Expanding access to our portfolio of destinations and hotels is a key part of our overall strategy and we hope that this move will enhance the holiday experience for our customers.”

Tony Hallwood, Leeds Bradford Airports Aviation Development Director commented;

“Leeds Bradford Airport welcomes the expansion and introduction of new routes to the island of Menorca and Paphos in Cyprus by Thomson and First Choice for summer 2016.

“With their widest ever holiday choice, holidaymakers in West and North Yorkshire can choose between a First Choice all inclusive holiday or choose from a range of popular exclusive Thomson hotels flying from locally from Leeds Bradford Airport.

“We welcome Thomson and First Choice’s increased commitment to the region and we are confident that these new Leeds Bradford routes will be a resounding success.”

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TUI UK & IRELAND

TUI UK and Ireland is the UK’s largest tour operator with key brands including Thomson, First Choice, and Thomson Cruises. Sub brands include Thomson Sensatori, Thomson Couples, Thomson Family Resorts, First Choice Holiday Villages and SplashWorld Resorts.

TUI UK and Ireland’s airline, Thomson Airways is the UK’s third largest airline with 57 aircraft operating to over 73 destinations in 20 countries. Thomson Airways was the first airline in the UK to take delivery of Boeing’s 787 Dreamliner.

TUI UK and Ireland employ a team of 13,300 employees and serve over 5.2 million customers each year. TUI UK & Ireland is a member of the TUI AG group of companies.

LEEDS BRADFORD AIRPORT (LBA)

LBA serves 65 direct destinations flying to 23 countries.

LBA is one of the fastest growing airports in the UK.

TUI is the longest established tour operator flying from LBA.

TUI operate a summer based aircraft at LBA flying to 8 destinations in 4 countries.

