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Leeds Bradford[®] to get a new year round link with Guernsey

Monday 14th December 2015; Aurigny, the longest serving airline in the Channel Islands is to begin a year round service to Guernsey from Leeds Bradford[®] Airport.

Aurigny will start the service on 27th May 2016 and in peak season will run four flights a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Flights will depart Leeds Bradford[®] at 14.10 and arrive in Guernsey just before 16.00. The returns depart Guernsey at midday, arriving back in Leeds Bradford[®] at 13.40. From October to May, the flights will operate on Mondays and Fridays, at the same times. This will allow customers from Leeds Bradford[®] to enjoy off season weekend breaks in the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

Tony Hallwood, Leeds Bradford[®] Airport's Aviation Development Director, commented: "We are pleased to welcome Aurigny to Leeds Bradford[®], introducing direct services to Guernsey commencing May 2016. This new service will now allow fast and direct access to one of the airport's most widely requested destinations and we expect significant leisure demand from across our catchment area. We believe this year round route will become a firm favourite with our passengers who enjoy visiting Guernsey. We look forward to developing a long lasting relationship with Aurigny and enhancing and widening our connectivity with the Channel Islands."

Malcolm Coupar, Aurigny's Commercial Director says: "We anticipate a lot of interest in what will be the eighth, "year round" destination served by Aurigny. Fares will start at £89 return and include Aurigny's standard "frills" of a free 20kg of hold luggage allowance and an extra 10kg of cabin baggage. We'll also be serving complimentary soft drinks or tea and coffee, both unusual perks in these days of budget flights."

He continues: "Our analysis shows there'll be a high level of interest in our new Guernsey connection. We were granted the licence to operate earlier this year and we've had many enquiries from people who live in the Leeds Bradford[®] area, wanting to know when we're starting the route. The Channel Islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm make an excellent summer holiday destination, famed for their high sunshine hours, beautiful beaches, French influence and fine cuisine. They are steeped in history and full of striking architecture, from Neolithic standing stones to Napoleonic defences and German Second World War fortifications. The islands are relatively small, so all their attractions are easily accessible. We look forward to flying visitors from Yorkshire to enjoy these varied, very special places."

You can book your flights online now at www.aurigny.com or via your usual travel agent.

Many tour operators are featuring holidays in Guernsey with direct flights from Leeds Bradford[®] Airport.

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Photo Image;

Aurigny ATR42-500 aircraft which will operate the Leeds Bradford[®] Airport route to Guernsey in 2016.



Notes to editors:

About Aurigny

Aurigny is 100% owned by Guernsey's government, the States of Guernsey. Aurigny flies to twelve destinations in the UK, Channel Islands and Europe. It operates a fleet comprising one Embraer 195 jet, two ATR 72-500s, one ATR 72-200, one ATR 42-500, two Dornier 228s and three Britten-Norman Trislanders. The company employs over 250 people full time, mainly in Guernsey, but with a significant base in Alderney and an operation in Southampton. In March 2018, the airline will celebrate 50 years in business.

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Tony will be available for interview.