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### **More choice and variety for Yorkshire sun-seekers**

*Thomson and First Choice increase capacity from Leeds Bradford Airport and introduce new route to Faro, Portugal*

21 April 2016 – Thomson and First Choice are today announcing increased capacity at Leeds Bradford Airport for their summer 2017 flying programme. This includes a new route to Faro, Portugal as well as new 10 and 11 night breaks to Ibiza which gives greater holiday flexibility to holidaymakers flying from the north of England.

The move to introduce new routes is part of the 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 will go on sale today in line with the launch of summer 2017 holidays.

Customers travelling on the new route to Faro will now have access to some of Thomson and First Choice's most popular flagship hotels, including First Choice's 4Sun Holiday Village Algarve. The hotel boasts three outdoor pools, a splash pool and a jam packed programme of sports and activities, including a swim and football academy.

Those flying on flexible breaks to Ibiza can visit the 5T Sensatori Resort Ibiza which is located on the west coast of the island where guests can look forward to a sandy beachfront setting and sunset views.

**Karen Switzer, Director of Aviation Planning for Thomson and First Choice, said:** "Adding more capacity from Leeds with the introduction of a new route to Faro and new 10 and 11 night breaks to Ibiza demonstrates our commitment to Leeds Bradford Airport and the local area.

"Expanding access to our portfolio of destinations and hotels is a key part of our overall strategy and will enhance the holiday experience for our customers."

**Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director at Leeds Bradford Airport, said:** "We're really pleased that First Choice and Thomson are introducing their new Faro route from Leeds Bradford Airport, as well as 10 and 11 night holidays to Ibiza. We are sure that holidaymakers from across Yorkshire will enjoy being able to jet off from LBA to these destinations in summer 2017.

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“At Leeds Bradford Airport, we are passionate about connecting Yorkshire with the rest of the world. We’re proud to offer even more routes from LBA in summer 2017, so that our customers have even more holiday choices.”

### Photo caption

Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director at Leeds Bradford Airport, announces the Faro and Ibiza routes.



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