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### **Ryanair Launches Leeds Bradford Airport Summer 2017 Schedule**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016:** Ryanair, Europe's No.1 airline, today launched its biggest ever Leeds Bradford Airport summer schedule (2017), as the airline grows Leeds Bradford Airport traffic by over 20%.

The announcement today sees a new route to Girona, four new summer services to Bratislava, Gran Canaria, Vilnius and Warsaw; as well as more flights to Alicante, Faro, Ibiza, Krakow, Lanzarote, Palma and Tenerife, which will deliver 1.3m customers p.a. and support 975 jobs at Leeds Bradford Airport.

Ryanair's Leeds Bradford Airport summer 2017 schedule will deliver:

- One new route: Girona (2 wkly)
- More flights to: Alicante (daily), Faro (daily), Ibiza (4 wkly), Krakow (4 wkly), Lanzarote (4 wkly), Palma (8 wkly) & Tenerife (3 wkly)
- Four new summer services: Bratislava (2 wkly), Gran Canaria (2 wkly), Vilnius (2 wkly) & Warsaw (2 wkly)
- 25 routes in total
- 92 weekly flights
- 1.3 customer's p.a.
- 975\* "on-site" jobs p.a.

Ryanair is the ideal choice for business and leisure customers, who can now choose from 25 Leeds Bradford routes in summer 2017 and look forward to further improvements, as Ryanair continues its "Always Getting Better" programme, which includes more new routes, new digital features, new cabin interiors and even more low fares.

**In Leeds, Ryanair's Head of Communications, Robin Kiely said:** "We are pleased to launch our biggest ever Leeds Bradford Airport summer 2017 schedule, 3 months earlier than last year, which includes a new route to Girona, the continuation of our winter services to Bratislava, Gran Canaria, Vilnius and Warsaw to summer, and more flights to Alicante, Faro, Ibiza, Krakow, Lanzarote, Palma and Tenerife, which will deliver 1.3m customers p.a. and support 975 jobs at Leeds Bradford Airport, as we grow our operation by over 20%.



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“To celebrate the launch of our Leeds Bradford Airport summer 2017 schedule, we are releasing 100,000 seats for sale across our European network from just £19.99, which are available for booking until Thursday (21 Jul). Since these amazing low prices will be snapped up quickly, customers should log onto [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com) and avoid missing out.”

**Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director at Leeds Bradford Airport, said:** “We are thrilled that Ryanair are significantly increasing their capacity from Leeds Bradford Airport in Summer 2017; offering their widest ever low cost flight choice. With five new routes, including three to European capital cities, Ryanair’s expanded flying programme of 25 routes will deliver wider business destination choice, encourage a growth in inbound tourism visitors to Yorkshire alongside increasing the choice for leisure and city breaks for our regions holidaymakers.

“This substantial growth is fantastic news for our regional economy and highlights the continued growth and strength of the Leeds City Region alongside supporting the creation of new jobs across Yorkshire. We look forward to welcoming a 20% growth in the number of passengers flying from Leeds Bradford Airport with Ryanair next summer who can now increasingly fly close to home.”

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\*ACI research confirms up to 750 ‘on-site’ jobs are sustained at international airports for every 1m passengers

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