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## **Four new Ryanair routes take to the skies from Leeds Bradford Airport**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016:** The inaugural Ryanair flights from Leeds Bradford Airport to Gran Canaria and Warsaw took off on Sunday (October 30<sup>th</sup>), with two further new services to Vilnius and Bratislava set to depart on Friday (November 4<sup>th</sup>).

The four new routes, announced by Ryanair in the summer, will be flying twice weekly from Leeds Bradford Airport; operating throughout Winter 2016 and Summer 2017. This news comes alongside an increase in flights to some of Ryanair's existing destinations and a new route to Girona – which will begin in Summer 2017.

Overall, Ryanair will grow their LBA capacity by 20% - delivering 1.3m customers p.a. and supporting 975 jobs at Leeds Bradford Airport. The additional routes bring the number of Ryanair routes to 25 in total, with 92 weekly flights from Leeds Bradford Airport.

**Ryanair's Robin Kiely** said:

*"We are pleased to launch our new winter routes from Leeds Bradford Airport, offering a great mix of winter sun and city break destinations for customers in the Yorkshire region. The good news is that our four new routes to Bratislava, Gran Canaria, Vilnius and Warsaw will continue into the summer 2017 season, and customers can also book flights on a new summer route to Girona, as we grow our Leeds Bradford traffic by over 20% next year. There's never been a better time to book a low fares getaway from LBA."*

**Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director**, said:

*"The new services to Bratislava, Gran Canaria, Vilnius and Warsaw are fantastic additions to Ryanair's flight programme and we are thrilled that the first flights have started this week. The growth at Leeds Bradford Airport will deliver more choice for our leisure and business passengers to explore a wider range of travel destinations with increased flight options to suit their needs."*



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“A 20% increase in Ryanair’s capacity is great news for Leeds Bradford Airport as well as the regional economy and Leeds City Region. We look forward to welcoming passengers flying to these exciting new destinations from LBA.”

For more information, visit [www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk](http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk) or [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)

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With images: Ryanair and LBA staff celebrate the start of the new destinations available to Warsaw, Vilnius, Bratislava and Gran Canaria.



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### Notes to Editors

Ryanair's Leeds Bradford Airport schedule will deliver:

- Four new winter 16 and summer 17 services: Bratislava (2 wkly), Gran Canaria (2 wkly), Vilnius (2 wkly) & Warsaw (2 wkly)
- One new summer 17 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)
- 25 routes in total
- 92 weekly flights
- 1.3m customers p.a.
- 975\* "on-site" jobs p.a.

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

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