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### **Jet2.com and Jet2holidays unveils huge Summer 18 programme**

*Jet2.com* and *Jet2holidays* has announced its biggest ever flights and holidays programme from Leeds Bradford Airport for Summer 18, with over 1.6 million seats and thousands of 2-5 star hotels on sale, as well a new destination and additional aircraft to support this growth.

Yorkshire's leading leisure airline and package holiday specialist is continuing to grow from Leeds Bradford Airport, with more flights and holidays to a whopping 46 summer beach and city destinations including a new route to the historic French port of La Rochelle. With multiple frequencies to many destinations, Yorkshire holidaymakers can choose from a fantastic choice and range of holiday durations.

Summer 18 will see thousands of extra seats on sale from Leeds Bradford Airport, with more flights to a number of popular sun and city destinations with the award-winning *Jet2.com*, which was recently named Best Airline – UK and Best Low-Cost Airline – Europe in the inaugural TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice awards for airlines.

The picturesque harbour port of La Rochelle is the newest addition, with weekly Saturday departures commencing on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Lined with seafood restaurants, the city is popular with boating enthusiasts.

With a well-preserved walled old town at the heart of the city, La Rochelle also provides access via bridge to Il de Re, an Atlantic-coast island of dunes and pine forest - a relaxed destination with beautiful villages, long golden beaches and rural cycle paths.

Summer 18 will see more flights to a number of popular sun and city destinations, giving Yorkshire holidaymakers unrivalled frequency and more flexible durations. This includes:

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- Faro, Alicante, Malaga and Majorca – now up to two services every day at peak times
- Canary Islands – up to 17 flights per week, including an increased number of flights to Lanzarote (five services per week), as well as growth to Tenerife and Fuerteventura
- Costa de Almeria – recently introduced for Summer 17, this destination is already seeing expansion with 30% increased capacity
- Cyprus – additional weekly flight means four weekly services to both Larnaca and Paphos
- Greece – choice of 7 destinations and increased capacity and longer seasons to Corfu, Kefalonia, Kos, Rhodes, Zante and more flights (two per week) to new destination Halkidiki which was introduced for Summer 17
- Spain - additional capacity to Girona and Reus
- Malta – additional weekly service mean two flights departing to the island every week
- City destinations seeing growth with more capacity and flights to Naples, Budapest and Barcelona

*Steve Heapy, CEO of Jet2.com and Jet2holidays, said:*

“This will be our biggest summer programme yet from Leeds Bradford Airport, with more seats and hotels than ever, giving Yorkshire holidaymakers even more choice and flexibility with our award-winning airline and package holiday operator. As Yorkshire’s leading airline and package holiday company such sustained growth is only possible by looking after and listening to our customers, and it is clear that our great value package holidays and family friendly flights continue to be a winning formula.”

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“La Rochelle is a fantastic addition for Summer 18 and one we are sure will be hugely popular. As well as being a great holiday destination in itself, particularly for boating and sailing enthusiasts, it acts as the gateway to the stunning Ile de Re.”

*Tony Hallwood, Leeds Bradford Airport’s Aviation Development Director, said:*

“Leeds Bradford Airport welcomes the continued growth and development of the Jet2.com and Jet2holidays programme. With a wider choice of flexible durations to Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Italy and Spain for Summer 2018, we expect to see increased demand from families flying with Jet2.com.

“Alongside increased flight frequencies and longer seasons, this largest ever summer programme will be welcomed by our region’s holidaymakers whether they are looking for a beach package or city break.”

Key summer 2018 programme information from Leeds Bradford Airport:

- 46 destinations including new destination La Rochelle
- More than 160 weekly flights, and further growth means over 1.6 million seats available
- Thousands more seats than Summer 17 and additional aircraft allowing for more capacity, frequency and flexibility

For more information about Jet2.com and Jet2holidays visit [www.jet2.com](http://www.jet2.com) and [www.jet2holidays.com](http://www.jet2holidays.com)



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