

FLYBE'S WINTER SCHEDULE FROM LEEDS-BRADFORD TAKES OFF WITH DUSSELDORF INAUGURAL

- **Flybe offers a choice of up to 38 departures a week across 3 routes from Leeds Bradford**
- **New route to Dusseldorf up to six times a week**
- **Winter 2017/18 schedule also includes flights to Belfast and Newquay**

Flybe, Europe's largest regional airline, is celebrating the inaugural flight of its Leeds Bradford to Dusseldorf flight which began on Sunday 29th October, marking the start of its winter schedule with up to 38 departures a week available to Belfast, Dusseldorf and Newquay. Seats are available for booking now at www.flybe.com.

Year round flights to Dusseldorf will depart up to six times a week, Dusseldorf is a convenient gateway to the Rhine-Ruhr economic region offering direct and convenient access to all the many attractions of the Rhine River, a particularly beautiful area of Germany and that has a wealth of things to offer leisure travellers and business travellers alike. The winter schedule also sees a refresh of Café Flybe, with brand new food and drink options available to passengers onboard.

SCHEDULE DETAILS OF NEW FLYBE ROUTE

LEEDS BRADFORD (LBA) TO DUSSELDORF (DUS)

Effective for travel from 28th October 2017

Mon-Fri and Sun

Dep LBA 1430 Arr DUS 1715 Dep DUS 1320 Arr LBA 1405

Ronnie Matheson, Flybe's Interim Chief Commercial Officer says "We are delighted to be launching our first flights between Leeds Bradford and Dusseldorf, connecting two key European business hubs. Our 2017/18 winter schedule has been planned specifically to provide reliable and affordable business travel as well as for those looking to take advantage of convenient flights to take a winter break."

Chris Sanders, Aviation Development Director at Leeds Bradford Airport said: "This new Flybe service to Dusseldorf is a welcome addition to our schedule, providing customers with connectivity to one of Europe's key business destinations. Dusseldorf Airport's rail station provides ease of access to a variety of cities and destinations within Germany, with Frankfurt under two hours away and the beautiful cathedral city of Cologne less than 50 minutes from the airport."

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“This latest service from Leeds Bradford Airport is an indication of the intention we have to strengthen our route offering and increase international connectivity for Yorkshire.”

Full details of Flybe’s 2017-18 winter schedule are available at www.flybe.com.

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Caption- “Flybe crew were joined for the inaugural Leeds Bradford to Dusseldorf flight by Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe (leader of Bradford City Council), Cllr James Lewis (deputy leader of Leeds City Council), Henri Murison (Director of Northern Powerhouse Partnership) and Chris Sanders (Aviation Development Director at Leeds Bradford Airport).”

Other quotes:

Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe, leader of Bradford Council, said: “Having an international airport on the doorstep is a vital part of Bradford’s economic growth and this new Flybe service to Dusseldorf is just another indication that there are plenty of opportunities for ambitious companies to expand into this area.

“We are sure it will be a great success as more and more people look to take advantage of better connectivity between major European regions whether for business or pleasure.”

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Henri Murison, Director of the Northern Powerhouse Partnership said “International connectivity is vital to the North, and helping ensure businesses can reach export markets direct a prerequisite in key industries like advance manufacturing, digital, energy and health innovation. This flight brings businesses from Hull to Harrogate closer to the Rhine-Ruhr region of 17 million people, which is particularly beneficial as its economy shares many of the same strengths as we have here in the North, meaning more of our key businesses will find opportunities there than other potential markers”

“Being connected with this significant economy, which out performs the German average, serves as an example to emulate for the Northern Powerhouse – with our jobs. Every enhanced direct flight connection reduces the barriers to business people to securing additional exports, or opens the door to inward investment, with areas like the Leeds City region and Tees Valley still attractive despite the wider uncertainties at present.”

Cllr James Lewis, deputy leader for Leeds Council, said:

“I am delighted to be part of the celebrations for Flybe’s inaugural flight to Dusseldorf from Leeds Bradford Airport. Not only is this a fantastic move for the airline, it is also a wonderful opportunity for the airport and the wider city region. This route is the first step towards improving and widening business connectivity with Leeds and surrounding areas, and one which I believe will prove to be very popular.”

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Notes to Editors:

About Flybe

Flybe is Europe's largest regional airline and flies more UK domestic flights than any other airline – 53% of all UK flights within mainland Britain. Flybe currently operates 208 routes serving 13 countries from 78 departure points in the UK and Europe* and is the largest scheduled airline by air traffic movements at Aberdeen, Belfast City, Birmingham, Cardiff, Doncaster Sheffield, Exeter, Isle of Man, Jersey, Newquay and Southampton airports**. Flybe operates a fleet of 82 aircraft – 57 Bombardier Q400, 9 Embraer E195, 11 E175 & 5 ATR 72s and was rated the best UK airline for punctuality and sixth in the world in the global airlines punctuality league table by OAG in Jan 2017.

*Flown under the Flybe brand including all routes on sale Oct 2017 – Jun 2018

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