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**HOLIDAYMAKERS TAKE OFF TO TURKEY FROM LEEDS BRADFORD AIRPORT
AS THOMAS COOK AIRLINES LAUNCHES TWO NEW ROUTES**

Photos:

Thomas Cook Airlines launched a new weekly flight from Leeds Bradford to Dalaman, Turkey yesterday evening (Wednesday 2 May).

The new flight took off with over 200 excited customers on board the A321 aircraft all looking forward to some May bank holiday sunshine. A second weekly flight to Antalya, Turkey launches on Thursday evening (3 May 2018).

Thomas Cook Airlines will take more than 20,000 flight-only and package holiday customers to Turkey on eight weekly flights from Leeds Bradford Airport between May and October 2018.

The two new flights come as the Thomas Cook Holiday Report 2018 reveals that holidaymakers are returning to Turkey this summer, with package holiday bookings currently up 84% up year-on-year.

Julie Cotton, Manager of the Thomas Cook store at Leeds White Rose, said: "We love creating memorable holidays for our customers, so we are thrilled to be offering the ease and convenience of travelling to one of this summer's most popular hotspots from our local airport."

David Laws, Chief Executive at Leeds Bradford Airport, said: "We are delighted to see the return of Thomas Cook Airlines and the first of their flights to Turkey take off today.

"Thomas Cook offers a wide range of holidays and flights, and our advice, given the strong uplift in bookings to Turkey this summer, is to book now to be sure of your place in the sun."

As part of the inaugural celebrations Leeds Bradford Airport surprised the first people at check in with complimentary lounge access. Mr and Mrs Goulder-Plumb were jetting off for a two week break in the Turkish sunshine and were able to start their holiday in style in the airport's new first class lounge, The 1432 Runway Club.

Holiday package

Thomas Cook offers seven nights on all-inclusive at the four star Sunprime Beachfront Hotel in Marmaris, from £395 per person based on two adults sharing, departing from Leeds Bradford on 15 May 2019 and including transfers.

To book see www.thomascook.com, call 0844 412 5970 or visit the nearest Thomas Cook store.

Flight only

Thomas Cook Airlines – Leeds Bradford to Dalaman from £226.99 per person for a seven night return flight in economy.

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Terms and conditions apply.

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Notes to Editors:

Thomas Cook Group Airlines, part of Thomas Cook Group, is one of Europe's leading airlines, consisting of three sun and beach focused leisure airlines: Thomas Cook Airlines UK, Thomas Cook Airlines Scandinavia and Condor in Germany. In spring 2018 the newly-founded sister airline, Thomas Cook Airlines Balearics will join the group in Palma de Majorca. The airlines carry 18.5m customers per year to more than 160 destinations, generating revenues of £3.2bn. The combined fleet consists of 92 aircraft. More than 9,000 employees in four countries work passionately every day to be the world's most loved leisure airline.

About Thomas Cook Group

For more than 175 years, Thomas Cook has been the UK's trusted pioneer in global travel, opening up the world and enabling travel for all. Now one of the world's leading holiday company's – Thomas Cook Group operates across 17 source markets, employs 22,000 people and has generated a total of £9 billion in group sales in the year ended 30 September 2017. Thomas Cook has around 190 own-brand hotels and resorts across six brands – SENTIDO, Sunprime, Sunwing, SunConnect, smartline, Casa Cook and Cook's Club.

Our customer promises are:

- *Quality – Thomas Cook only offer holidays that they are proud to put their name to*
- *Service – Thomas Cook is on hand to help throughout the holiday experience from planning to returning home*
- *Reliability – Thomas Cook has got everything covered, so rely on them and enjoy your holiday*