

# Budapest Airport announces Ryanair expansion

Budapest Airport, having already confirmed 12 new routes for 2017, continues to enhance its route network and announces Ryanair will be launching a further three new routes. Having recorded 20% growth in passenger



numbers from the Hungarian gateway last year, Ryanair is continuously-expanding services from Budapest, the low-cost carrier (LCC) confirming new links to Valencia, Edinburgh and Prague.

## **In-demand white spot served**



Launching Budapest's first connection to Valencia, Ryanair will add a link to Spain's third-largest city. Since witnessing the number of indirect passengers between the cities doubling year-on-year, Ryanair will be filling an attractive gap in the market facing no direct competition on the airport pair. As Budapest's fifth-largest O&D pair in mainland Spain last year, Valencia now joins the gateway's existing Spanish links to Malaga, Alicante, Ibiza and Palma de Mallorca.

## **Enhancing existing connections**

Confirming the expansion of another two of Budapest's links, Ryanair will also commence services to Edinburgh and Prague later this year. Joining existing connections to both destinations, the LCC will provide additional options for Budapest's passengers.

Commenting on the announcement, Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport, said: "Budapest welcomes this announcement from Ryanair and is delighted to see that one of the largest white spots on our route map will now be filled with our partner's link to Valencia." He added: "Ryanair continues to grow with us, with these new destinations the airline will now offer 26 destinations from Budapest."