

## Gatwick gains Gdansk gateway – thanks to Wizz Air

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- **Wizz Air to commence flights to its fourth destination from Gatwick**
- **With these new flights, Gatwick becomes carrier's third largest airport in UK in terms of weekly capacity**
- **Gatwick now offers 23 destinations in Central and Eastern Europe in S19**



Wizz Air has added its fourth destination from Gatwick, as the Ultra-Low-Cost Carrier commenced daily services from Gdansk on 15 June. Flown by the carrier's 230-seat A321 fleet, the 1,299-kilometre sector joins Wizz Air's existing operations to Budapest, Bucharest and Cluj-Napoca from Europe's ninth busiest airport.

Wizz Air is largest low-cost carrier in Central and Eastern Europe in terms of weekly seats, so the continued strengthening of the airline's relationship with Gatwick is a cornerstone of the airport's strategy in unlocking further market potential in this region. Gdansk is the last of the nine brand new city pairs which are launching from Gatwick this summer (see full listing below).

"This new route from Wizz Air today proves that Gatwick still has room for network growth," enthuses Stephen King, Head of Airline Relations, Gatwick Airport. "From a standing start in June 2016, when Wizz Air commenced daily flights from Bucharest, we have grown to become the carrier's third largest operation in the UK with the start of our fourth destination to Gdansk – an unserved route from Gatwick until today. I look forward

to working with Wizz Air on continuing our mutual growth trajectory in terms of adding new routes and capacity,” states King. As a result of the addition of Gdansk, Gatwick will offer 23 destinations in Central and Eastern Europe this summer, and nearly 34,000 weekly seats to the region.

Tamara Vallois, Head of Marketing and Communications at Wizz Air commented: “We are thrilled to launch our fourth low-fare service from Gatwick. Gatwick Airport is now connected to the capital of the Pomeranian region with daily flights which brings an ideal opportunity to visit the beautiful Baltic coast and the Tri-City – Poland’s most famous resort area with health spas, sandy beaches and numerous attractions. With fares from only £13.99, our friendly and professional crew is looking forward to meet many happy passengers on board our modern fleet.”

Gatwick now offers direct flights to two Polish destinations, as the Gdansk service joins the airport’s existing operations to Krakow. Weekly seats to the Eastern European country now total 3,356. Looking at schedule data for week commencing 15 June, and as a result of the addition of Wizz Air’s flights to Gdansk, Poland now becomes the 27<sup>th</sup> largest country market of the 64 flown from Gatwick this summer.

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### **Routes launched so far this year at Gatwick Airport (new destinations in bold):**

9 January – Turkish Airlines, twice-weekly service from **Ankara**;

9 February – easyJet, 13 times weekly service to **Düsseldorf**;

31 March – British Airways, 12 times weekly service to Bilbao;

31 March – Norwegian, daily service to **Miami**;

31 March – Norwegian, four times weekly service to **Rio de Janeiro**;

31 March – Norwegian, five times weekly service to **San Francisco**;

31 March – Wizz Air, daily service from Budapest;

31 March – Wizz Air, daily service from **Cluj-Napoca**;

1 April – British Airways, four times weekly service to Almeria;

1 April – Turkish Airlines, daily service from Antalya;

2 April – easyJet, three times weekly service to Jerez;  
2 April – Vueling, three times weekly service from **Asturias**;  
7 April – Vueling, six times weekly service from Alicante;  
30 April – easyJet, twice-weekly service to **Zadar**;  
11 May – TUI Airways, weekly service to **Lamezia Terme**;  
15 May – British Airways, three times weekly service to Kos;  
23 May – TUI Airways, weekly service to **Rijeka**;  
15 June – Wizz Air, daily service to **Gdansk**.

**Routes still to launch this year at Gatwick Airport (new destinations in bold):**

1 September – British Airways, six times weekly service to Milan Bergamo

**About Gatwick Airport**

Gatwick Airport is the UK's second largest airport. It serves more than 230 destinations in 74 countries for 46 million passengers a year on short and long-haul point-to-point services. Gatwick is also a major economic driver and generates around 85,000 jobs nationally, with 24,000 of these located on the airport. The airport is south of Central London with excellent public transport links, including the Gatwick Express, and is part of the Oyster contactless payment network.

Gatwick's 2018 draft master plan sets out proposals for the airport's ongoing development and sustainable growth. It also outlines the airport's latest thinking on how it can meet the increasing demand for air travel and provide Britain with enhanced global connectivity. A 12-week public consultation closed on 10 January 2019, and a consultation response summary and final master plan will be published later in 2019.

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