

# **WIZZ AIR ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF A NEW BASE IN KRAKOW**

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### 2 NEW AIRCRAFT AND 12 NEW ROUTES IN 2019

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Wizz Air, the fastest growing airline in Europe, announced the opening in Krakow of its 26th base. The carrier will place 2 Airbus A321 aircrafts at Krakow airport, the first in May and the second in September 2019. From April next year, Wizz Air will be launching twelve new routes to nine countries. Tickets for new connections can now be booked on wizzair.com or via the WIZZ mobile application with prices starting from PLN 39\*.

Krakow will be Wizz Air's 26th Wizz Air base and the newest one in Poland, following Warsaw, Katowice, Gdansk and Wroclaw. As part of the development, the line will expand its network of connections from Poland. The base in Krakow is an investment worth 240 million dollars\*\* and should create 80 new jobs directly in the line and over 140 in related industries\*\*\*. Two new Airbus A321 aircrafts will support operations on twelve new routes to: London, Kiev, Nice, Turku, Doncaster, Bari, Billund, Catania, Larnaca, Kharkiv, Oslo and Kutaisi.

Wizz Air will be launching the recruitment of a young and ambitious crew to the new base in January. The meetings will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 in Krakow. More information: https://wizzair.com/pl-pl/informacie-i-uslugi/career/cabin-crew-flight-attendant/#/

During a press conference in Balice, **Stephen Jones, the executive vice president and deputy president at Wizz Air, said:** - Today's event highlights our commitment to operations in Poland, our first market where we started operations in 2004. We chose Krakow because we see the need to travel in the Malopolska Region. At the same time, we see the potential of Krakow's popularity both as a tourist destination and dynamic city development in the context of a business center. Our latest base will be opened on May 1, 2019 and will employ 80 people directly at Wizz Air. The offer of flights from Krakow includes 12 new, attractive destinations. We are convinced that our Polish customers will appreciate our convenient flight schedule, friendly and easy online booking system on the wizzair.com website and a wide range of "tailor made" travel possibilities to best meet the expectations of our passengers. Our development in Poland has a positive impact on the development of the tourism and hotel industry in the country.

# Radosław Włoszek, the President of the Krakow Airport Management Board, added:

- The Malopolska Region attracts many investors, also in the aviation sector - the proof of this is the launch of another carrier base at Krakow Airport. The Wizz Air offer is the result of multifaceted negotiations, a consistently implemented strategy for the development of a diversified network of connections at the Krakow airport. We hope that it will be interesting for passengers and will have a positive impact on the local labor market. Of the 12 destinations offered by Wizz Air, as many as 10 are new at the Krakow airport. The direct connection to Georgia expected by our passengers or flights to Nice in France, Catania and Bari in Italy and Larnaca in Cyprus are just a few of them. The new connections will also be of interest to the Malopolska Region's residents who also choose to have organized holidays. Wizz Air's cooperation with tour operators and travel agencies also strengthens this offer of the Krakow Airport.



As of today, WIZZ is currently offering **188,000 seats on 12 routes from Krakow, and a total of over 11 million seats on 165 routes in the Polish connection network in 2019**, constantly creating further opportunities for customers traveling to and from Poland while maintaining low prices and providing excellent experience related to traveling.

WIZZ offers a range of innovative products and services that allow passengers to get the most out of their travel, all via the easy-to-use Wizz Air application or website. The latest introduced services include the *Flexible Travel Companion*, allowing to make a new booking without need to provide all passengers' names at the moment of making a reservation or *Fare Lock* - a guarantee of the best price of the selected flight for a period of 48 hours.

## **WIZZ AIR ROUTES FROM KRAKOW**

Direction	Days	Start date	Prices fr
LONDON LUTON, UNITED KINGDOM	2 x per day	April 4, 2019	89 PLN
KIEV-ŻULIANY, UKRAINE	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Sunday	v, April 4, 2019	89 PLN
NICE, FRANCE	Wednesday, Sunday	May 1, 2019	89 PLN
TURKU, FINLAND	Wednesday, Sunday	May 1, 2019	39 PLN
DONCASTER,	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturda	yMay 2, 2019	89 PLN
UNITED KINGDOM BARI, ITALY	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturda	yMay 2, 2019	89 PLN
BILLUND, DENMARK	Monday, Friday	May 3, 2019	39 PLN
CATANIA, ITALY	Monday, Friday (from September 16: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday)	May 3, 2019	89 PLN
LARNAKA, CYPRUS	Monday, Friday	September 16, 2019	89 PLN
CHARKÓW, UKRAINE	Monday, Friday	September 16, 2019	59 PLN
OSLO, NORWAY	every day	September 16, 2019	89 PLN
KUTAISI, GEORGIA	Wednesday, Sunday	September 16, 2019	89 PLN



### **About Wizz Air**

Wizz Air is the largest low cost airline in Central and Eastern Europe, whose fleet consists of 105 Airbus A320 and A321 aircraft flying from 26 bases on over 600 routes connecting 143 locations in 44 countries. Wizz Air employs a team of over 4,000 experts who care about high quality services and low ticket costs, making Wizz Air the most popular airline chosen by 32 million passengers in 12 months. Wizz Air is a company listed on the Stock Exchange in London as WIZZ and affiliated with FTSE 250 and FTSE All-Share Indices. Wizz Air belongs to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and is certified by IOSA as an indicator of airline safety. The company has recently received the highest, 7-star note in the airlineratings.com ranking, the only agency in the world dealing in safety and evaluation of flights. Wizz Air received the 2017 European Airline of the Year title awarded by Aviation 100, a renowned annual ranking of the best entities in the aviation industry.

# **About the Krakow Airport**

Krakow Airport is the only regional airport in Poland that serves over 6 million passengers during the year. 24 carriers offer over 120 direct regular connections straight from Krakow to 4 continents to: Europe, Asia, North America and Africa. The Krakow Airport has a diversified network of air connections. The Krakow Airport is a member of the International Council of Airports (ACI) and the Regional Airports Association. The Krakow Airport's operations are noticed in the world - it is confirmed, among others, by the 2016 ASQ Awards awarded by Airport Council International in 2017 for improving customer service quality and the UBM nomination for the World Routes Marketing Awards in 2017. The Krakow Airport undertakes initiatives in the field of responsible business and as the first regional port in Poland periodically publishes Sustainability Reports based on the international standard for non-financial reporting of the Global Reporting Initiative. Investments: The General Plan of the Krakow/Balice airport sets the directions for the development of the airport over the next twenty years. The Krakow airport is planning to invest about one billion zlotys in infrastructure development. The construction of a new runway is till the basis for further modernization of the airport, it is the key element of the airport infrastructure. The development of the airport means the creation of over 10,000 new direct and indirect jobs and the development of the economy of the Malopolska Region and Krakow.