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Norwegian arrives Birmingham airport and launches new routes to Madrid, Barcelona and Malaga

Norwegian continues to expand its route network in the UK and will for the first time offer non-stop service from Birmingham to Madrid, Barcelona and Malaga. The airline also adds Malaga as a new destination from Edinburgh.

"We're happy to announce that Norwegian is launching new routes from Birmingham to several destinations in Spain. We are looking forward to offering our low fares and award-winning service to travelers in the greater Birmingham area and welcoming them on board our brand new and more environmentally friendly fleet of Boeing 737-800 aircraft with free WiFi," said Chief Commercial Officer Thomas Ramdahl of Norwegian.

Paul Kehoe, Chief Executive of Birmingham Airport said, "We are very pleased to be

able to announce this new airline and offer more new routes from Birmingham, and I thank Norwegian for choosing to launch Birmingham to these popular Spanish destinations.

"Although Norwegian is new to the Midlands market, I am certain that consumers – both business and leisure - will be impressed with the carrier's low fares and efficient service, We are therefore very pleased to be welcoming Norwegian to Birmingham next summer."

Norwegian also launches a new route between Edinburgh and Malaga.

Birmingham – Barcelona

Norwegian will offer two weekly departures on Mondays and Fridays. Start date: June 1, 2015.

Birmingham – Madrid

Norwegian will offer three weekly departures on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Start date: March 31, 2015.

Birmingham – Malaga

Norwegian will offer three weekly departures on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. Start date: March 30, 2015.

Edinburgh - Malaga

Norwegian will offer two weekly departures on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Start date: March 31, 2015.

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Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA, commercially branded "Norwegian", is a low-cost airline listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Norwegian is the second largest

airline in Scandinavia and third largest low cost carrier in Europe. More than 20 million passengers fly on its network per year. Norwegian has a route portfolio that stretches across Europe into North Africa and the Middle East, as well as long-haul flights to the US and Southeast Asia. The company has a total of 417 routes to 126 destinations and employs approximately 4,500 people in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, UK, Spain and Thailand. The company has 258 undelivered aircraft on firm order. Norwegian was founded in 1993 and its headquarter is in Fornebu, Norway. In 2013 and 2014, Norwegian was voted Europe's best low-cost carrier of the year by the renowned SkyTrax World Airline Awards. Norwegian offers better leg room than most competitors, in-flight WiFi, world-class punctuality and a fleet of 101 aircraft with an average age of only 4.8 years.

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