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## Norwegian's Caribbean and Spanish routes contribute to continued traffic growth and higher load factor in January

New domestic routes in Spain and routes between the Caribbean and the US had a positive effect on passenger figures in January. Norwegian carried more than 1.7 million passengers this month, a considerable increase compared to January last year. The load factor was 81.7 per cent, up 1.7 percentage points.

In January, Norwegian carried 1,756,656 passengers, an increase of 9 per cent compared to the same month previous year. The total passenger traffic (RPK) increased by 14 per cent and the total capacity (ASK) increased by 12 per cent.

Norwegian launched new routes from the French Caribbean islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe to Baltimore/Washington, New York and Boston. The service has been well received by customers in the Caribbean and the US, as well as Europeans connecting through New York. Norwegian has extended the season through April on selected routes due to the positive response.

**Norwegian CEO Bjørn Kjos said:** "We are very pleased that we have attracted more passengers and achieved a higher load factor in a traditionally slower month. The growth is primarily due to international expansion, with domestic flights in Spain and the routes between the French Caribbean and the US East Coast. In addition, more passengers are choosing Norwegian on intercontinental routes."

Norwegian is continuing its fleet renewal program in 2016, with the delivery of 21 brand new aircraft. A total of 17 brand new Boeing 737-800s and four 787-9 Dreamliners will be delivered in 2016. Norwegian will also take delivery of four Airbus A320 neos that will be leased out. In addition, seven older 737-800s will exit the fleet. With an average age of 3.6 years, Norwegian's fleet is one of Europe's newest and most environmentally friendly.

Norwegian operated 99.5 per cent of its scheduled flights in January, whereof 72.3 per cent departed on time.

For more detailed information, please see pdf attached.

Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA, commercially branded "Norwegian", is a low-cost airline listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Norwegian is the world's seventh largest low-cost airline. The company reported its highest ever passenger figures in a single year with almost 26 million passengers in 2015. 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 over 400 routes to more than 130 destinations and employs

approximately 5,500 people. The company has several hundred undelivered aircraft on firm order. Norwegian was founded in 1993 and its headquarter is in Fornebu, Norway. Norwegian offers better leg room than most competitors, in-flight WiFi on short haul, a fleet of around 100 aircraft with an average age of only four years; one of the youngest fleets in the world. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, Norwegian was voted Europe's best low-cost carrier of the year by the renowned SkyTrax World Airline Awards. Norwegian was also the first airline to be awarded the World's best low-cost long-haul airline in 2015 by SkyTrax. In 2014, Norwegian also won three prizes at the prestigious Passenger Choice Awards for Best Airline in Europe, Best Inflight Connectivity & Communications and Best Single Achievement in Passenger Experience for its moving map on the 787 Dreamliners. In addition, Norwegian was awarded Europe's best low-cost airline by AirlineRatings.com for the second year running.

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