

bmi and Lufthansa announce new Liege to Munich route

- bmi to fly to Munich from Liege in partnership with Lufthansa
- Up to 200 global destinations opened up to business and leisure travellers via Lufthansa Munich network
- Twice a day direct to Munich with seamless connections onwards from March 29th 2015

14 January 2015: bmi will commence flights from, Liege, Belgium to the Bavarian capital, Munich on March 29 2015. bmi will operate the flights in partnership with Lufthansa as code-share flights with joint BM and LH flight numbers. The airline has tailored the schedule from Liege to ensure seamless travel connections for business and leisure travellers via Lufthansa's Munich network of over 200 global destinations.

The move strengthens bmi's network presence at Munich Airport with the German carrier. bmi already flies twice a day connecting Bristol with the Bavarian capital in partnership with Lufthansa.

Cathal O'Connell, CEO of bmi, said: 'These new routes represent a significant step forward for bmi and further strengthens our relationship with Lufthansa. Our experience with Munich from Bristol has shown that the airport is both a great destination and a major hub with excellent connection opportunities. We have researched the market extensively, and chose Liege as an ideal city to extend our presence in Europe. Our partnership with Lufthansa has given us the capability to offer seamless connections from these European cities via Munich to more than 200 destinations all over the world. Of course, our customers will enjoy all everything you expect from a full service airline: an all jet fleet, with a complimentary bar and snack service, generous free baggage allowance, and choice of check in options – online or at the airport'.

Dr. Michael Kerkloh, CEO of Munich Airport said: 'Munich Airport is very pleased about the fact that bmi regional's presence on Europe's best airport (according to Skytrax 2014) expands further and offers additional connections to and from the airport. By basing the two bmi Embraer jet aircraft in Munich, the connectivity and attractiveness of the Munich hub will be strengthened and the base will create an important stimulus for the local economy and employment'.

Luc Partoune, Managing Director of Liege Airport, said: 'This is excellent news for our region. The route opens Liège to Europe and the world: over 200 medium-haul and long-haul destinations are now accessible direct from Liege via Munich. Through bmi's partnership with Lufthansa, Liège is connected to global destinations in Asia, the United States, Russia, Brazil, South Africa etc. Belgian, Dutch and German resident will not have to waste time in traffic jams travelling to huge airports, arriving hours before the departure of their flight. With short check-in times, ease of access, comfort, fast embarkation and a great welcome, business travellers will save time on departure and arrival, and leisure travellers will discover a wide range of European cities direct from Liege.

Announcing the new codeshare agreement, Roberto Mamone, Lufthansa General Manager, Belgium, said: "I am delighted that we are able to establish our presence in Liège and to offer passengers in the North-East of Belgium a quick, easy and seamless access to Asian, African, American and European destinations within Lufthansa's worldwide network by transiting through our Munich hub. The cooperation and connecting flights with bmi will allow passengers from the region to save time and hassle on their travels. They can take advantage of the attractive and highly competitive year-round fares available from Liège, starting from €57 one way to Munich inclusive of taxes and charges.

We believe that discerning travellers still prefer the added value they receive from a full service airline. They know when they book with Lufthansa the price they pay includes the ability to take hand-luggage on board and check in one piece of baggage, assigned seats, good quality food and drink on board the aircraft and the option to check-in online or at the airport with no hidden fees.”

He added: “In total, Lufthansa offers connections to 200 destinations worldwide from Munich, Europe’s best-rated airport (according to Skytrax® customer survey), with minimum connecting times of only 35 minutes.”

Passengers wishing to travel to Munich can book as normal on the flybmi.com website and those wishing to travel further can make bookings on the Lufthansa website www.LH.com.

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Flight Schedule Munich to Liege

MTWTFS-	1010 – 1130	Munich - Liege – BM 1721
MTWTF-S	1415 - 1545	Munich – Liege - BM 1723

Flight Schedule Liege to Munich

MTWTFS-	1155 – 1310	Liege - Munich – BM 1722
MTWTF-S	1625 - 1745	Munich - Liege– BM 1724


About Lufthansa

Deutsche Lufthansa AG is an Aviation Group comprising nearly 500 subsidiaries and affiliates. The Lufthansa Group is dedicated to quality and innovation, safety and reliability. Headquartered in Germany, the Group operates in five business segments – passenger transportation (Passenger Airline Group), logistics, MRO, catering and IT-services. Passenger transportation is the Group's core business: The airlines engaged in the passenger transportation business are Lufthansa German Airlines (including Lufthansa Regional), Austrian Airlines, SWISS and Germanwings as well as stake-holdings in Brussels Airlines, JetBlue und SunExpress. In the 2013 business year, the airlines in the Lufthansa Group welcomed more than 104 million passengers on board their flights, making it Europe's leading airline grouping. Operating through the Frankfurt, Munich, Vienna, Zurich and Brussels hubs, Lufthansa, SWISS, Austrian Airlines and Brussels Airlines jointly serve 274 destinations in 106 countries on four continents. The Group fleet currently consists of 622 aircraft – on order are another 261 new aircraft, valued at a total of about 36 billion euros at list price and scheduled for delivery until 2025. With its on-going expenditure in fleet renewal, the Group is consistently making the fleet more cost-efficient and its operations more environment-friendly. More details are available at www.lufthansagroup.com/media

About bmi


bmi operates an all-jet fleet comprising 18 Embraer 135 and 145 aircraft. The airline now operates more than 300 scheduled flights a week across a network of 20 destinations in eight European countries and employs more than 400 staff. bmi has held the title of the UK's most punctual airline for the past nine consecutive years, most recently in 2013. The airline also operates an extensive ad hoc charter business and flies on a contract basis on behalf of other carriers. Its scheduled network includes Stavanger and Oslo in Norway; Brussels in Belgium; Esbjerg in Denmark; Toulouse in France; Bremen, Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, and Munich in Germany; Milan in Italy; Gothenburg, Kalmar and Karlstad in Sweden, and Aberdeen, Birmingham, Bristol, East Midlands, Manchester, Newcastle and Norwich in the UK.

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About Munich Airport

FMG (Flughafen München GmbH), incorporated in 1949, operates Munich Airport, which opened at its present site on May 17, 1992. It is jointly owned by the Free State of Bavaria (51 percent), the Federal Republic of Germany (26 percent) and the city of Munich (23 percent). The FMG corporate group, with its 14 subsidiaries, employs more than 8,000 people. With a total workforce numbering more than 32,000 employees with 550 companies, Munich Airport is one of Bavaria's most important workplaces. Within just a few years of opening, Munich Airport developed into a major air transportation hub and was firmly established as one of Europe's 10 busiest airports. Munich Airport now offers connections to more than 200 destinations all over the world and in 2014 handled approximately 40 million passengers.

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About Liege Airport

Liege Airport is the largest cargo airport in Belgium and a European leader, with 590,000 tons of cargo in 2014. Passenger transport is also one of its major development targets, with a modern, friendly and accessible terminal that can accommodate 1.5 million passengers every year. The airport's exceptional location covers a particularly dense catchment area in Belgium, in Germany and the Netherlands. The model developed by Liege Airport over the last twenty years is based on flexibility and simplicity, and it has demonstrated its effectiveness by delivering the best solutions for its clients and generating more than 10,000 direct and indirect jobs.