

EasyJet to expand nine new routes from the UK

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The UK's largest airline easyJet has announced that it will be launching 9 new routes from the UK from next winter, including flights to a brand new destination in Iceland for the very first time. easyJet holidays will be offering brand new package holidays on eight of the new routes.

This winter, easyJet will become the only UK airline to operate to Akureyri in North Iceland when flights launch from London Gatwick twice a week from 31st October. Dubbed 'The Capital of the North', the town lies in the fjord Eyjafjörður in North Iceland and is located a short drive from many of Iceland's top natural, cultural and historical attractions. Visitors can enjoy whale watching, hiking and viewing the Northern lights and geothermal bathing, all while taking in the stunning scenery.

easyJet holidays, the UK's fastest growing tour operator, is offering packages to the brand new destination, including flights, hotel and 23kg luggage. The holiday company has put brand new hotels in sale in the Akureyri area, including the 4* Hotel Aiglo by Keahotels, with a pool overlooking fishing boats, and the 4* Myvatn, near the Myvatn nature baths. Holidaymakers can enjoy a huge range of excursions including whale watching, exploring the country's stunning waterfalls, or catching the Northern Lights, all available through easyJet holidays' excursion partner, Musement.

Ahead of the opening of a new base at Birmingham next spring, the airline will continue the expansion of its network from the midlands, with new routes now launching this winter to the French cities of Lyon and Paris from 30th October and city break packages available with easyJet holidays.

More new routes to France, to Paris Charles de Gaulle from London Southend and a weekly service to Grenoble from Manchester will also take off this winter, while new services between London Luton and Enfidha in Tunisia and Bristol and Marrakech will provide those in the south and south west with two new winter sun destinations to choose from.

easyJet will also offer even more choice from Southampton, strengthening domestic connectivity from the region, with two new routes to Glasgow and Belfast launching from 29 October 2023 with departures up to three times a week.

The launch of even more new routes follows easyJet's return to growth this summer in the UK which will also see the airline operate its biggest ever UK summer flying programme, flying around eight per cent more capacity than pre-pandemic with over one million more seats in peak summer and 23 new routes from the UK.

Ali Gayward, easyJet's UK Country Manager said: "We are delighted to be launching even more new routes and holidays from the UK across a fantastic range of destinations which provides even more choice and variety for our customers this winter, including flights and holidays to Akureyri in North Iceland for the very first time, with a unique route from the UK.

"easyJet is proud to be the largest airline in the UK and the launch of these nine new routes demonstrates our confidence in the resilient strength of demand for travel in the UK, with customers choosing us for our trusted brand, unrivalled network and great value fares and we can't wait to welcome more customers on board."

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