KLM increases seat capacity on Leeds Bradford – Amsterdam route for summer 2020

- KLM has increased seat capacity on its Leeds-Amsterdam flights with a daily upgrade to a Boeing 737-700 aircraft
- Up to 128,500 seats will be available between Leeds and Amsterdam during the summer season.

7th November 2019: KLM has announced that it will increase seat capacity on its Amsterdam route from Leeds Bradford Airport. The increase will see a KLM mainline 737-700 operating on the mid-morning rotation from March 28th 2020.

Currently, KLM operates 3 flights a day between Leeds Bradford Airport and Amsterdam Schiphol, providing a valuable link between the region and the capital city of the Netherlands. The popular route is well established with Dutch flag carrier having operated from the Yorkshire airport for over 30 years.

The additional seat capacity will result in almost 6% year on year growth, and has been introduced to meet the growing demand on the route. It will create new opportunities for customers to visit the beautiful city of Amsterdam for a short break or take advantage of quick and convenient connections to 165 KLM destinations worldwide, via its award winning hub at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol.

Benedicte Duval, General Manager for Air France-KLM in the UK & Ireland, said: “As a result of positive commercial performance and strong passenger numbers, we are delighted to be in a position to introduce a larger aircraft, a mainline KLM B737, on our Leeds Bradford to Amsterdam route, increasing capacity by 7000 seats for the summer season.”

“This 6% capacity increase will provide both business and leisure passengers from the Yorkshire area with greater opportunity to take advantage of seamless connections to KLM’s worldwide network via Amsterdam Schiphol Airport.”

Commenting on the additional capacity, John Cunliffe, Aviation & Commercial Director at Leeds Bradford Airport, said:

“We are delighted to welcome the additional capacity investment into LBA by KLM. Having recently celebrated its 100th anniversary, KLM is our longest serving airline partner, having operated at the airport for over 30 years”

“The investment of additional capacity by KLM serves to reconfirm the economic significance of the Leeds City Region, the largest economy in the UK outside of London. At Leeds Bradford Airport, we are able to access 165 worldwide KLM destinations via Amsterdam and I am delighted to be working with KLM to support the development both of Leeds Bradford and the wider region”

The flights due to be operated by the KLM mainline 737-700 are detailed below:

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About KLM
KLM offers a choice of 16 departure points in the UK: Aberdeen, Belfast, Bristol, Birmingham, Cardiff, Durham-Tees Valley, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Humberside, Inverness, Leeds-Bradford, London City, London Heathrow, Manchester, Newcastle and Norwich. KLM provides UK passengers with seamless travel to a multitude of worldwide destinations from the convenience of their regional airport.

For 100 years, KLM has been a pioneer in the airline industry and is the oldest airline to still be operating under its original name. On 7th October 2019, KLM celebrated its centenary. The airline will look back on 100 years of KLM history, from the early steps of Dutch aviation to connecting people at more than 160 destinations worldwide. By cherishing its customers, embracing innovation and taking the lead in sustainability, KLM proudly looks forward to a bright future, ready for the exciting challenges and opportunities ahead.

KLM aims to be the most customer-focused, innovative and efficient airline in Europe, offering reliable service and top-quality products. KLM flies via its multi-award winning hub at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam. Amsterdam Schiphol Airport was voted Best Airport in Europe at the 2019 Business Traveller Awards in London for the 29th consecutive year.

KLM carried a record 34.1 million passengers in 2018, offering its passengers direct flights to 165 destinations with a modern fleet of 168 aircraft. The airline employs a workforce of more 32,000 people worldwide. The KLM Group as a whole transported more than 43 million passengers in 2018. In addition to KLM, the KLM Group includes KLM Cityhopper, Transavia and Martinair. The KLM network connects the Netherlands with all of the world’s key economic regions and is a powerful engine driving the Netherlands’ economy.

Air France - KLM currently holds the top spot in the “Airlines” category of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI). 2019 is the 15th consecutive year that Air France-KLM has been in the top three of the DJSI.

Air France–KLM Group
Since the merger in 2004, KLM has been part of the Air France–KLM Group. This merger gave rise to one of Europe’s leading airline groups, with two strong brands operating out of two major hubs: Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and Paris Charles de Gaulle. The group focuses of three key activities: passenger and cargo transport, and aircraft maintenance. Together, the two airlines carry over 100 million passengers a year.

KLM is also a member of the global SkyTeam Alliance, which has 20 member airlines and a joint network of 1074 destinations in 177 countries.

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