

## European Low Cost airlines

This document outlines a selection of the low cost airlines currently operating in Europe. This list is intended to provide you with an overview of each of the airlines together with a link to the website so you can book your cheap low cost flight and save money.

### **Air Berlin**

Air Berlin, a German low cost airline, fly a large number of routes between airports in Germany and destinations in southern Europe, northern Africa and the UK. In total, Air Berlin operates to around 104 airports.

Air Berlin website  
<http://www.airberlin.com>

### **Bmibaby**

This UK based low cost airline offer flights to European destinations from East Midlands, Manchester and Cardiff airports.

BMI Baby website  
<http://www.bmibaby.com>

### **Brussels Airlines**

Brussels Airlines offers flights to a number of European countries. All flights are to or from the airline's hub in Brussels. Tickets are available both for single leg flights and flights requiring a change of plane in Brussels.

Brussels Airlines website  
<http://www.brusselsairlines.com>

### **LOT**

A Polish low cost airline operating flights from Poland to several European countries. LOT is a unique company, representing Poland abroad. They have offices in many European capitals, and their aircraft with the stork logo on the tail, land at the majority of European airports. For this reason, LOT has often been named "the Ambassador of Poland".

LOT website  
<http://www.lot.com>

### **Condor**

Condor offer flights from Germany to many popular holiday destinations in Europe, the US, Caribbean, South America, Africa and East Asia.

Condor website  
<http://www.condor.com>

### **Corendon.com**

Corendon.com offer low cost flights from the Netherlands and Belgium to Turkey, Greece and Morocco.

Corendon website  
[www. Corendon.com](http://www.Corendon.com)

### **Easyjet**

One of the original European low cost airlines with a route network spanning most of Europe. Flights to around 89 airports.

Low cost, care and convenience; easyJet flies on more of Europe's top 100 routes than any other airline, connecting convenient airports and a range of exciting destinations. Their "attractive" network gives the widest range of choice to business and leisure customers in 27 countries

easyJet website  
<http://www.easyjet.com>

### **FlyBE**

FlyBE is a major UK based low cost airline serving the UK, Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal and other European countries. During 2007 FlyBE flew more than 7 million passengers. You can book tickets for FlyBE flights on the Internet and via phone.

Flybe is one of Europe's biggest regional airlines and has the following dimensions:

- 13 Countries
- 184 routes
- 35 UK airports
- 31 European airports
- 7.5 million passengers in 2008
- £536m in revenues
- 73 operational aircraft

Following the successful acquisition and integration of BA Connect in March 2007, the route network was 76% domestic UK, 14% European business and 10% European leisure destinations.

FlyBE website  
<http://www.flybe.com>

### **fly germania**

This low cost airline has a number of routes covering Basel, Stuttgart, Dusseldorf and Berlin to Prishtina, Skopje and Bari.

Fly germania website  
<http://www.flygermania.de>

### **Germanwings**

Germanwings has an extensive route network covering most of Europe ranging from Iceland and Sweden down to southern European countries like Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey.

By offering great value flights, they have ensured that travel within Germany and other European nations is affordable for all Europeans.

Germanwings website  
<http://www.germanwings.com>

### **helvetic.com**

Swiss airline offers flights between Switzerland and southern European destinations. Flights to around seven airports.

Helvetic focuses on direct, non-stop flights to attractive destinations, to which until today no direct flights from Zurich are offered. As their guest, you will benefit from a significant time saving, a high level of travel comfort and no more stress from changing planes with all of the associated risks which occur in large airports. Helvetic Airways thus offers more comfort and quality than train and car journeys.

Helvetic website  
<http://www.helvetic.com>

### **Iceland Express**

This Icelandic airline fly routes between Reykjavik and London Stansted, Copenhagen and Frankfurt Hahn airports. Flights to around four airports.

Iceland Express' strategy is similar to those of other low-fare airlines. There are no length-of-stay restrictions, no Sunday rule, and it's easy to book or change bookings online. They only offer e-tickets and all flights are essentially one-way. They have been growing steadily since 2003, and now connect the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik to airports throughout Europe. They also have seasonal direct flights between Copenhagen and Akureyri in Northern Iceland.

Iceland Express website  
<http://www.icelandexpress.com>

### **Jet2**

British airline offering flights from England, Scotland and Northern Ireland to southern and central European destinations. Flights to around 42 airports.

Jet2.com has now flown over 8 million passengers. They commenced their low cost operations in February 2003, flying daily from Leeds Bradford International Airport, to and from Amsterdam. During 2003 scheduled flights were operated to 7 European business, city break and sun destinations, carrying more than 360,000 passengers in the first year. Now 21 Boeing 737-300 aircraft and 9 Boeing 757-200s (all of which are owned by the company), are located across their 6 UK bases and fly to 90 top

sun, city and ski destinations in more than 15 European countries and 8 Mediterranean islands as well as Egypt and the USA.

Nearly 40 routes alone are offered from their headquarters at Leeds Bradford Airport and in September 2007 Jet2.com announced the launch of 8 new routes from Leeds Bradford including Cyprus, La Rochelle, Madrid and Sardinia which was soon followed by the announcement of flights to New York in May 2008 and Sharm El Sheikh in June 2008.

Jet2 website  
<http://www.jet2.com>

### **Monarch**

British low cost airline offering scheduled flights between the UK and southern Spain, the Canary Islands, Portugal and Cyprus. Flights to around 18 airports.

As well as being one of the UK's major providers of low-cost scheduled flights from bases at London Gatwick, London Luton, Manchester and Birmingham airports, Monarch is a key supplier of airliners to the tour operating industry. Leading engineering facilities offered by Monarch Aircraft Engineering Limited complete the Monarch operation. Monarch was recently named as 'Leisure Airline of the Year' in prestigious travel industry awards.

Monarch website  
<http://www.monarch.co.uk>

### **Norwegian**

Scandinavia's largest budget airline offering domestic flights in Norway and Sweden as well as international flights to most European countries. Flights to around 80 airports.

This airline is a public low-cost airline noted on the Oslo Stock Exchange. The company is the second largest airline in Scandinavia, and has a route portfolio that stretches across Europe into North Africa and the Middle East. With competitive prices and customer friendly solutions and service, the company has experienced significant growth over the previous years. With more than 9.1 million passengers in 2008, Norwegian is the 4th largest low-cost airline in Europe. The turnover in 2008 was in excess of NOK 6.2 billion, an increase of 43% from the year before. By year end 2008, Norwegian operated 40 aircraft on 170 routes to 87 destinations and employed approximately 1,500 people.

Norwegian website  
<http://www.norwegian.dk/>

### **Ryanair**

Ryanair offers cheap flights to most European countries with a route network based on hub airports across Europe. Ryanair offers tickets at some of the lowest prices in the airline industry and is at the same time one of the most successful of the European low cost airlines.

Ryanair is the "World's favourite airline" with 37 bases and 950+ low fare routes across 26 countries, connecting 150 destinations. Ryanair operates a fleet of 210 new Boeing 737-800 aircraft with firm orders for a further 102 new aircraft. Ryanair currently employs a team of more than 7,000 people and expects to carry approximately 66 million passengers in the current fiscal year.

Ryanair website  
<http://www.ryanair.com>

### **Sterling**

Based in Denmark, this low cost airline operates cheap flights between the Nordic countries and southern Europe. Flights to around 42 airports.

At the introduction of the winter programme for 2009/10, Cimber Sterling offers its guests 60 services from Bergen in the north to Grand Canary in the south.

Cimber website  
<http://www.cimber.com/>

### **Transavia.com**

Dutch discount airline with flights from Amsterdam and Rotterdam to European destinations. Flights to around 66 airports.

The company has Amsterdam Airport Schiphol as its home base and transports approximately 4.5 million passengers a year to holiday destinations in Europe and Africa. The fleet consists solely of Boeing 737 aircraft of the Next Generation.

Transavia website  
<http://www.transavia.com>

### **Vueling.com**

Vueling.com is a Spanish low cost airline offering flights from bases in Madrid, Barcelona, Sevilla and Paris to destinations in Spain, France, Italy, Portugal, Greece, the Netherlands and Belgium.

Vueling are not arrogant, but like to think of ourselves as Southern Europe's most dynamic, most innovative airline and we work harder than anyone to prove it. They have bases in Barcelona, Madrid, Seville, Malaga, Valencia and Bilbao and fly to major cities in Spain, Europe and northern Africa.

Their way of seeing and doing things is new and different, which maybe explains why they are considered a new generation airline, an airline where concepts that seem contradictory – like competitive prices, safe travel and style – become perfectly compatible

Vueling website  
<http://www.vueling.com>

## **Wizz Air**

This Hungarian low cost airline offer flights between cities in Poland, Hungary and Romania to places in England, Ireland, Sweden and Norway.

Wizz Air currently offers flights on over 150 routes in Europe. The network is constantly being expanded and new destinations are being introduced. Wizz Air is committed to achieving the lowest cost base in the region and airport choice has a crucial impact. This is why Wizz Air - where possible - operates to secondary airports, which provide low costs that reflect in the price and provide friendly and fast customer service Wizz Air is in constant negotiations to establish a network of operations at more airports to provide low-cost air transport for Central and Eastern Europe.

Wizz Air group includes 3 operating airlines; Wizz Air Hungary (WAH, flight number starting with W6), Wizz Air Bulgaria (WAB, flight number starting with 8Z) and Wizz Air Ukraine (WAU, flight number starting with WU).

Note that flights Kiev-Luton-Kiev are operated by Wizz Air Hungary.

Wizzair website

<http://www.wizzair.com>

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