



# Flemish Airports announce 7 new Summer Routes More flights towards sun, nature & culture

Thursday 26 October 2017 – Today the Airports of Ostend-Bruges and Antwerp announced the preliminary Summer Schedule 2018. Both Airports continue their expansion by welcoming flights to sunny destinations such as Sharm el Sheikh, Hurghada, Corfu and Djerba. Florence in Tuscany, Sion in Switzerland and London are also part of this Summer Schedule.

### **Antwerp Airport**

The newest addition to the Airport's Route Map is Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance and ranked as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The Tuscany region with its pleasant climate, diverse natural landscape, 120 protected nature reserves and fabulous wines is one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations. This Summer TUI flies twice a week from Antwerp to Florence.

London remains an important destination in terms of business travel and city trips from Antwerp. As of March 2018, VLM will operate the route to London City while Flybe continues flights to London Southend.

The new route to Sion in Switzerland remains operational during the Summer Season with 5 weekly departures. Newcomer powdair targets passengers keen on Nature, Gastronomy and Mountaineering in the Swiss Alps. Sion, capital of the Swiss Canton of Valais is also known as the sunniest city in Switzerland.

#### Ostend-Bruges Airport

Home carrier TUI, continues its expansion at Ostend-Bruges Airport. It adds an extra flight to Alicante on Fridays and opens 4 additional routes to Sharm-el-Sheikh, Hurghada, Corfu and Djerba. While these destinations are traditionally popular with the Belgian travellers, the airport expects also to welcome passengers from the Netherlands and the North of France.

Marcel Buelens, CEO of Antwerp and Ostend-Bruges Airport said:

"Both our airports have loyal passengers; people who know and appreciate the many advantages of flying from a regional airport. These travellers inform us of their destination wish list and we are delighted to satisfy even more passengers with these great new summer destinations."





## About Antwerp Flanders International Airport

Antwerp International Airport is part of the Egis Group. 13 European routes are currently operated by 4 airlines. Besides scheduled flights, the airport caters for private- charter- and training flights. The regional airport is well known for its speedy check-in, short walking distances and affordable parking. During 2016 the airport welcomed 276.311 passengers, an increase of 24,9% compared to 2015. The number of flight movements decreased by 8,6% to 41.403 in 2016. <a href="www.antwerpairport.aero">www.antwerpairport.aero</a>

## About Ostend-Bruges Flanders International Airport

Ostend-Bruges International Airport is part of the Egis Group. Although an important proportion of the activities focus on freight transport, the airport caters for scheduled flights (21 sunny routes are currently operated), private- charter-, ad hoc and training flights. During 2016 the airport welcomed 434.970 passengers, an increase of 57,6% compared to 2015. www.ostendairport.aero