

RYANAIR BASES 2 NEW AIRCRAFT, 6 NEW ROUTES & 60 NEW JOBS AT BRUSSELS CHARLEROI FOR S24

ZERO ZAVENTEM GROWTH DUE HIGH AIRPORT CHARGES

Ryanair, Belgium and Europe's No. 1 airline, today (16 Jan) launched its S24 schedule for Brussels with 126 routes, including 6 new Charleroi routes to Amman, Cork, Dubrovnik, Gothenburg, Sarajevo, and Tirana. Ryanair will base 2 new B737 aircraft at Charleroi (a \$200m investment) creating 60 new high paid jobs for pilots, cabin crew and engineers.

Ryanair's Brussels S24 schedule will deliver:

- 126 routes, 6 new – Amman, Cork, Dubrovnik, Gothenburg, Sarajevo, & Tirana
- 2 new B737 aircraft at Charleroi (18 total - \$2bn invest)
- Brussels traffic grows 8% to over 10.4m pax p.a.
- Supp. over 8,300 jobs, incl. 540 high paid pilot, cabin crew & engineer jobs

Ryanair today delivered its latest '[Protect Overflights: Keep EU Skies Open](#)' petition to the EU Commission with over 2m signatures from fed-up passengers demanding that EU President, Ursula von der Leyen, take action to protect overflights during repeated ATC strikes. In 2023, there were 67 days of ATC strikes (13 times more than 2022) forcing airlines to cancel thousands of EU overflights from Germany, Spain, Italy, Ireland, and the UK, while France uses Minimum Service Laws to protect French local flights. This is unfair. France (and all other EU states) should protect overflights during national ATC strikes as they do in Spain, Italy and Greece. Despite these repeated strikes, there has been zero action from Ursula von der Leyen and her Commission.

To celebrate its 2 new aircraft and 6 new routes for S24, Ryanair has launched a 2-day seat sale with fares from €19.99 available only at [Ryanair.com](#).

6 New Charleroi Routes	
Amman	Gothenburg
Cork	Sarajevo
Dubrovnik	Tirana

Ryanair's Michael O'Leary said:

"As Belgium's No. 1 airline, Ryanair is pleased to announce 6 new Charleroi routes to Amman, Cork, Dubrovnik, Gothenburg, Sarajevo, & Tirana, offering Brussels citizens/visitors even more choice at the lowest fares in Europe. This growth is delivered on 2 new 737 based aircraft (\$200m investment), creating over 60 new high paid aviation jobs in Charleroi. Sadly, we have zero growth in Zaventem due to their very high airport charges, which will increase again in Apr, making Zaventem even less competitive than competitor airports all over Europe.

While Ryanair continues to grow and invest in Belgium, ATC strikes remain the biggest threat to EU passengers' travel. Today we delivered a 2m passenger petition to Ursula von der Leyen's calling on her to take action to protect overflights (and EU consumers) during national ATC strikes. After 3 years of inaction, Ryanair calls again on Ursula von der Leyen to take action to protect the EU single market for air travel.

Our Belgian customers/visitors can now book any of these 6 new Brussels routes from just €19.99 on [Ryanair.com](#) today. We look forward to welcoming millions more Belgian customers/visitors onboard Ryanair flights to/from both Brussels Charleroi and Zaventem airports in S24."

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