

Press Release

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More destinations and more holiday flights: Dresden Airport switches to summer timetable on 25 March

The Dresden Airport summer timetable 2018 features a big increase in tourist flights. Compared with this time last year, the range of flights on offer is increasing by 26%. The airlines will be offering up to 72 holiday flights a week to cities and bathing resorts in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. Altogether there will be a choice of non-stop flights to 42 destinations in 18 countries in the summer timetable – a clear increase on 2017 (30 destinations, 13 countries).

Markus Kopp, CEO of Mitteldeutscher Flughafen AG and General Manager of Flughafen Dresden GmbH: “This summer, our timetable is even more diverse than in previous years. I am delighted that, for the first time, we can offer direct flights from Dresden to Dubai and Bastia. Both of these destinations have never featured on our departure board before. Another new destination is St Petersburg, the Venice of the North, which is twinned with Dresden. Our wide range of tourist flights and good links to the major hub airports make Dresden Airport the ideal departure point for city breaks, holidays and business trips.”

Other new destinations are Barcelona, Athens, Bodrum, Lamezia Terme, Thessaloniki, Monastir, Marsa Alam and Malta. What’s more, the airlines will be connecting the border triangle between Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland to the worldwide flight network several times a day.

Flights to Spain most frequent

There will be up to 23 flights a week to Spain from Dresden. From 1 May, these include three weekly flights to Barcelona with Germania.

Palma de Mallorca, the most popular holiday destination in our 2017 summer timetable, with approximately 50,000 passengers, will once again have the highest number of flights from Dresden in 2018.

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Alongside Eurowings and Germania, Small Planet Airlines will also be flying on that route. The three airlines will be departing from Dresden up to 13 times a week.

In second and third places on our leaderboard of popular tourist flights are Greece and Turkey, with up to 15 and 9 flights per week respectively.

Germania with up to 47 departures per week

The airline with the green-and-white aircraft has increased its flight offerings from 18 destinations last summer to 27 this year.

Dresden's largest leisure airline will be flying to Portugal, Spain, Cyprus, Turkey, Egypt, Iceland, Italy, Greece, Russia, France, Hungary and Croatia. What's more, Germania is set to station a third Boeing 737 at Dresden Airport from May.

New long haul flight in the summer timetable

From 30 April, Condor will be flying to Dubai every Monday on behalf of the tour operator FTI. The distance between the two cities is around 4,500 km. The airline will be flying a 265-seater Boeing 757-300 on this route, the largest aircraft used in regular flight operations at Dresden Airport.

All holiday destinations non-stop from Dresden at a glance:

Bulgaria:	Burgas, Varna
Croatia:	Dubrovnik
Cyprus:	Paphos
Egypt:	Hurghada, Marsa Alam, Sharm el Sheik
France:	Bastia (Corsica)
Greece:	Athens, Corfu, Kos, Crete, Rhodes, Thessaloniki
Hungary:	Debrecen, Sármellék
Iceland:	Reykjavik/Keflavik
Italy:	Lamezia Terme
Malta:	Malta
Portugal:	Faro, Madeira
Russia:	St. Petersburg
Spain:	Barcelona, Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Malaga, Palma de Mallorca, Tenerife
Tunisia:	Monastir
Turkey:	Antalya, Bodrum
UAE:	Dubai

International cities and hub airports

Big name airlines offer a high frequency of flights to their hub airports from Dresden. With such a wide range of daily connecting flights on offer, there are destinations and dates to suit every business and leisure traveller, usually involving just one transfer.

Frankfurt	up to 6x daily	Lufthansa
Munich	up to 5x daily	Lufthansa
Düsseldorf	up to 3x daily	Eurowings
Cologne Bonn	up to 3x daily	Eurowings
Stuttgart	up to 3x daily	Eurowings
Zurich	up to 2x daily	SWISS
Amsterdam	daily	KLM
Moscow	daily	Aeroflot
Basel	4x weekly	easyJet

6 May: Family Day at Dresden Airport

From 10:00 to 18:00, visitors will get to experience a whole host of exciting aviation-related events and activities. These include the Soviet aerobatic plane Yak 52, modern ultralight aircraft and the historic fighter planes MiG-21 and MiG-23.

Participants on the various guided tours will watch aircraft being handled from close range or find out how Elbe Flugzeugwerke converts retired passenger aircraft into freighters. The airport fire service will be presenting its impressive Panther 8x8 fire engine: 1,250 hp strong, 140 km/h fast, and weighing in at 44.5 tonnes. Its telescopic boom, or high-reach extendable turret, is an impressive 16 metres long when fully extended.

Businesses including Elbe Flugzeugwerke and the local public transport operator Verkehrsverbund Oberelbe will join tourism partners and associations from North Dresden in presenting their services on Family Day. Admission is free (charges apply for guided tours and sightseeing flights).

Flughafen Dresden GmbH is a subsidiary of the Central German Airports Group with around 1.71 million passengers per year (2017).

Thanks to the direct access road from the A4 motorway, 3000 parking spaces right next to the terminal building and the S-Bahn station, passengers from Saxony, Southern Brandenburg, Northern Bohemia and Lower Silesia can get to the airport easily and comfortably.

Short and barrier-free routes are characteristic of the unique Dresden Airport Terminal, a former aviation industry hangar. Arrivals and Departures as well as service areas can all be found under one roof. It is also home to Dresden's biggest travel centre, the Gate 14 airport shop (www.gate14.de) and a conference and events centre with a panoramic view of aircraft on the apron. The customer service was awarded the "Service Quality in Germany" level II certificate by the Saxon Tourist Board.

For timetable, parking reservations and online travel agency go to www.dresden-airport.de.