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Norwegian opens a new base in Madrid and continues to expand its Spanish route network

Norwegian continues to expand in Europe and will open a new base of operations in Madrid in summer 2014. Along with the new base, the company also launches six new routes from Madrid to Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, Hamburg, Warsaw and London.

The new base in Madrid is Norwegian's fifth base in Spain, along with Alicante, Malaga, Las Palmas and Tenerife.

"We have decided to open a new base in Madrid to meet the demand for direct flights between the Spanish capital and important cities in Europe. We see a major passenger potential from the main airport in Madrid. At the same time, it is strategically important for Norwegian to have a base in the Spanish capital in light of our presence in the Spanish market and not least, in term of our future plans," says Norwegian's CEO Bjørn Kjos.

"Norwegian's entry to Madrid Barajas airport is excellent news for all Madrilenians. The company is growing rapidly through offering quality, more environmentally friendly flights at a low fare. The regional Government of Madrid is indeed proud that Norwegian has chosen our airport to increase its expansion in Europe. Madrid has a unique offer for tourists and companies worldwide, and thanks to Norwegian the region's connectivity will certainly be improved," said Ignacio González, President of Region of Madrid.

Two aircraft based in Madrid and six new, direct routes

Norwegian will base two Boeing 737-800 aircraft at its base in Madrid. In addition, the company will recruit around 100 pilots and cabin crew locally

and launch six new routes that will start operating during summer 2014.

Flight schedule

Madrid – Oslo will operate three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from June 3

Madrid – Stockholm will operate four times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from June 4

Madrid – Helsinki will operate three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from June 4

Madrid – Hamburg will operate four times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from June 4

Madrid – Warsaw will operate twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays from June 3

Madrid – London will operate daily flights from June 2

Madrid – Copenhagen will increase from three to four weekly flights in the periode April to June. From July, Norwegian will operate daily flights between Madrid and Copenhagen.

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Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA, commercially branded “Norwegian”, is a low-cost airline listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Norwegian is the second largest airline in Scandinavia and third largest low cost carrier in Europe. Close to 18 million passengers chose to fly on its network in 2012. Norwegian has a route portfolio that stretches across Europe into North Africa and the Middle East, as well as long-haul flights to the US and Southeast Asia. The company has a total of 392 routes to 124 destinations and employs approximately 3,000 people in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, UK, Spain and Thailand. The company has 275 undelivered aircraft on firm order. Norwegian

was founded in 1993 and its headquarter is in Fornebu, Norway. In June 2013, Norwegian was voted Europe's best low-cost carrier of the year by the renowned SkyTrax World Airline Awards. Norwegian offers better leg room than most competitors, in-flight WiFi, world-class punctuality and a fleet of 80 aircraft with an average age of only 4.6 years.

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