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Norwegian signs new landmark deals with tour operators worth over £15 million

Low-cost airline Norwegian, today signed a new deal that will provide more destinations for UK thrill seekers hoping to hit the ski slopes this winter.

The fast-growing airline has signed new agreements with three renowned tour operators in the UK - Nielson Travel, Balkan Holidays and Skiworld. Norwegian will provide charter flights from London Gatwick using aircraft equipped with free WiFi for UK travellers to take advantage of top ski destinations in France, Spain and Bulgaria during the winter season.

Norwegian will also operate charter flights on behalf of TUI, Thomas Cook and Vitaltours as part of the new agreement struck in the Nordic region. Scandinavians will benefit from charter flights to the Canary Islands, otherwise known to Norwegians as Syden ('the South') for some guaranteed winter sun.

Together the UK and Nordic deals are valued at over £15 million.

Thomas Ramdahl, Chief Commercial Officer at Norwegian said: "We're very pleased to continue flying charter passengers by collaborating with new partners. We are also looking forward to welcoming even more passengers to experience our free in-flight WiFi on board our comfortable and brand new aircraft."

From London, Norwegian will fly charter passengers to Grenoble, Lleida and Sofia and from Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, flights will serve Gran Canaria, Tenerife and Lanzarote.

Norwegian in the UK:

Norwegian first launched UK flights in 2003 and is Europe's third largest lowcost airline. The carrier operates from London Gatwick, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Manchester Airports to 34 destinations worldwide.

- Norwegian is the **third largest airline at London Gatwick**, with 3.4 million yearly passengers as of June 2015, and with 130 pilots and 300 cabin crew working from its Gatwick base
- In 2014, Norwegian introduced the **UK's first low-cost, long haul flights to the U.S.** flying directly from Gatwick to New York, Fort Lauderdale and Los Angeles
- Norwegian is the only airline to offer free inflight WiFi on UK flights to 29 European destinations
- The airline has one of the **youngest aircraft fleets in the world** with an average age of four years, including next-generation Boeing 787 Dreamliners and Boeing 737-800s
- Norwegian has been **voted 'Europe's best low-cost carrier' by passengers** for three consecutive years at SkyTrax World Airline Awards, and was also the first airline to be awarded the **'World's**

best low-cost long-haul airline' in 2015 by SkyTrax.

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