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Norwegian to create more than 130 jobs in Scotland ahead of plans for continued expansion at Edinburgh Airport

- Airline advertises for new crew and pilots to join its growing Edinburgh operation
- New aircraft and new routes planned for 2017 including transatlantic flights from Edinburgh

Low-cost airline Norwegian has announced it will be creating more than 130 crew and pilot jobs in Scotland as it prepares for continued growth at Edinburgh Airport in 2017.

Norwegian began flying from Edinburgh in 2009 and has now flown over 1.1 million passengers with services to six European destinations. With a range of new aircraft being delivered in 2017, including the brand new [Boeing 737 MAX](#), Norwegian is planning further new routes from Edinburgh.

The new routes include plans for low-cost transatlantic flights from Edinburgh to the US east coast which are expected to be announced in the coming weeks. Along with offering affordable transatlantic travel to Scottish passengers, the new routes are also expected to generate increased inbound traffic from the US to Edinburgh, helping support tourism, business and hospitality opportunities in Scotland.

As part of Norwegian's growth ambitions at Edinburgh Airport, Europe's third-largest low cost airline has now started the recruitment of a series of new crew and pilots including:

- **Over 100 cabin crew opportunities** – Norwegian is looking for candidates with friendly and outgoing personalities to join the airline's cabin crew operating from Edinburgh Airport. The deadline for applications is the 31st January and interested candidates can find out more and apply at <http://careers.norwegian.com/cabin-crew>
- **30 pilot opportunities** – Norwegian is looking for qualified Boeing 737 Pilots to join its growing operation and new aircraft fleet at Edinburgh Airport. Candidates can visit careers.norwegian.com/pilot to find out more about the pilot opportunities together with details for two pilot roadshows to be held in Edinburgh on the 16th and 17th January

Norwegian's Chief Commercial Officer Thomas Ramdahl said: *“Edinburgh is a central part of our UK growth plans and together with new aircraft and new flights, we are also creating new jobs in Scotland.*

“We are looking for talented crew and pilots to join us in delivering our ambitious growth plans at Edinburgh Airport. As an award-winning airline, with new aircraft and global expansion plans, this is a great opportunity for people to join us as we head into our busiest ever year.

“More jobs in the air will help also create more jobs on the ground and Norwegian’s plans for new flights into Edinburgh will help support tourism, business and hospitality opportunities in the UK’s second most visited city. We look forward to unveiling more about our Edinburgh expansion plans in the coming weeks.”

Norwegian is the world’s sixth largest low-cost airline, carrying around 30 million passengers per year to 150 global destinations. Norwegian has a fleet of more than 120 aircraft with an average age of 3.6 years, making it one of the world’s youngest fleets – the airline also has more than 200 additional new aircraft on order. Norwegian has been named Europe’s Best Low-Cost Airline for four consecutive years by the renowned SkyTrax World Airline Awards, and has also been named the World’s Best Low-Cost Long-Haul Airline for the last two years.

Around 6,000 staff work for Norwegian including more than 700 pilots and crew based at London Gatwick Airport, together with other bases in key European cities. The announcement of new crew and pilot job opportunities in Edinburgh also follows plans to create new crew bases in Paris, Barcelona and Amsterdam, together with a further [two new bases in the US](#) announced earlier this month.

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Norwegian at Edinburgh Airport – facts and figures:

- Norwegian started flying from Edinburgh in 2009 and currently serves **6 business and leisure routes**: Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Barcelona, Tenerife, Malaga
- Norwegian already flies low-cost long-haul routes from London Gatwick to the US and is now planning further **transatlantic routes from other UK cities, including Edinburgh Airport** – further details are expected to be announced in early 2017
- Since 2009, Norwegian have now flown **over 1 million passengers** to and from Edinburgh
- Over the last 12 months (Dec 2015 - Nov 2016) Norwegian has

flown **over a quarter of a million passengers** (266,000) to and from Edinburgh Airport

Norwegian in the UK:

- Norwegian first launched UK flights in 2003 and now operates from London Gatwick, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Manchester Airports to more than **40 destinations worldwide**
- Norwegian is the **third largest airline at London Gatwick**, with 3.9 million yearly passengers, and with more than 700 pilots, cabin crew and staff working from its Gatwick base
- In 2014, Norwegian introduced the **UK's first low-cost, long haul flights to the U.S.** - the airline now flies to 8 U.S destinations with fares from just £135 one way
- Norwegian is the only airline to offer **free inflight WiFi** on UK flights to more than 30 European destinations
- The airline has one of the **youngest aircraft fleets in the world** with an average age of 3.6 years, including next-generation Boeing 787 Dreamliners and Boeing 737-800s
- Norwegian has been **voted 'Europe's best low-cost carrier' by passengers** for four consecutive years at SkyTrax World Airline Awards from 2013-2016, along with being awarded the **'World's best low-cost long-haul airline'** in both 2015 and 2016

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