FLYBE ANNOUNCE NEW SERVICES BETWEEN EDINBURGH AND WICK JOHN O’ GROATS

-Airline adds extra services between Edinburgh and Wick airports-

Flybe franchise partner, Loganair, will be adding an extra two services between Edinburgh and Wick from Friday, September 27 this year.

The carrier currently operates six rotations (12 flights) a week between the capital and Wick John O’Groats airport from Sunday through Friday.

The new services will operate to the following timetable:

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These flights are conveniently timed to enhance connections to Wick via Edinburgh from Birmingham, Manchester, Belfast, Southampton, and East Midlands.

In addition, Loganair’s code-share relationship with British Airways ensures there will be links between London and Wick with Heathrow and Gatwick flights all connecting to the current and new Edinburgh service.

The new flights will go on sale on Monday, August 19, for travel from Friday, September 27.

Commenting on the extra rotations, Loganair’s chief operating officer Phil Preston, said: “We are very pleased to be able to offer these additional services between Edinburgh and Wick, expanding the link between the two regions.

“Wick has an impressive history and heritage, as well as being the principal town in the far north of the mainland. It is an appealing short break destination, and the new Friday afternoon service will open up many weekend leisure opportunities.

“As an airline, we continually monitor customer demand and endeavour to manage our schedule accordingly, so we are sure these extra seats will be quickly snapped up by customers.”
Gordon Dewar, chief executive of Edinburgh Airport, said: “We're delighted that Loganair is investing further in its links with the north of Scotland. It’s our ambition for Edinburgh Airport to be where Scotland meets the world. To do that effectively we need good links internally and we look forward to assisting more passengers to and from Wick.”

Inglis Lyon, managing director of Wick John O’Groats Airport operator HIAL, said: “This is excellent news for Wick John O’Groats Airport and for the many businesses and tourism providers that rely on the connectivity the airport provides. The extra Friday flight will offer greater flexibility for business and leisure passengers, and offer a wider choice of connections from Edinburgh, Scotland's busiest international airport.

“We have worked hard with Loganair to deliver these additional flights and we are delighted with this vote of confidence in Wick John O’Groats airport from Scotland’s airline. The region is undergoing a significant transformation, including in the tourism sector, and these additional flights will help ensure Caithness is even better connected.”

Trudy Morris, Chief Executive of Caithness Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Wick John O’Groats Airport Consultative Committee, said: “We are delighted Loganair has responded to the needs of the business community and will be operating additional flights to and from Edinburgh. “

The flights are available to book on www.flybe.com and on www.ba.com for connecting flights to London and elsewhere on BA’s worldwide network.

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Loganair is the only major UK airline owned and headquartered in Scotland. The airline was founded in 1962 and employs approximately 440 staff to undertake over 500 air services each week to, from and within Scotland using a fleet of 26 aircraft. It carries over half a million passengers from its operating bases at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Inverness, Kirkwall, and Norwich. The company is privately owned and consistently profitable.