



KERRY AIRPORT ANNOUNCE NEW DIRECT FLIGHT TO GRENOBLE FRANCE WITH RYANAIR

Commencing Saturday 20th of December, this weekly flight brings the wonder and excitement of the Alpine Ski Slopes within easy and affordable access to the people of Kerry and beyond

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Today Kerry Airport officially announced that Ryanair will operate a scheduled weekly service direct to Grenoble, Lyon, France. The **service will commence on the 20th of December** and offers convenient Saturday day time flights - departing Kerry Airport at 15.35 and arriving in Grenoble at 18.45* and returning from Grenoble at 19.15 back into Kerry Airport at 20.25*. To book a flight log onto www.ryanair.com

Located at Saint-Etienne de Saint Geoirs, Grenoble/Lyon Airport is the gateway to the spectacular Rhone-Alps region. Located 50 minutes away by car from Lyon (the capital) and 30 minutes from Grenoble, Grenoble/Lyon Airport is the perfect entry point into the Rhone-Alps. Thanks to this region's outstanding natural, historical and cultural assets, the Rhone-Alps area of France has established an international reputation as a prime tourist destination. The mountains are one of the region's main attractions for winter sports - and the region has almost **200 ski resorts (the largest proportion of France's skiing centres) all within 2 hours drive time from Grenoble / Lyon Airport**. The region is also famous for its fine foods and locally produced wines - perfect for Apres Ski!

Basil Sheerin, Financial Controller, Kerry Airport

“ We are delighted to welcome this new direct Ryanair service to Grenoble - known as the Gateway to the Alps - which will give our passengers easy access to this exciting Winter Destination. Skiing has become an increasingly popular Irish sport and, prior to this announcement, Kerry skiers had to travel to other airports, and incur additional costs and time before commencing their holiday. We believe this service will be very successful as it continues to grow the wide range of destinations now available direct from Kerry Airport. These include Lorient, France with Aer Arann and the Spanish island of Majorca with Falcon / JWT in the Summer months and, all year round scheduled services to Frankfurt

Hahn, Dublin and London (Stansted and Luton) with Ryanair and Manchester with Aer Arann. Lastly I would advise anyone who wishes to travel to Grenoble over the popular Christmas period to book early if they wish to ski over the holidays in this magical winter wonderland. “

Kerry Airport currently has three daily direct flights to Dublin; two daily flights to London Stansted; three times' weekly flights to London Luton; five times' weekly flights direct to Manchester and a daily flight to Frankfurt Hahn. The Airport also offers weekly Summer sun charter series direct to Majorca with Falcon / JWT. Kerry Airport won the prestigious Irish Airport of the Year in 2005 from the CCI and was recently declared as the first Heartsafe Airport in Ireland by the Irish Heart Foundation.

** local time*

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BACKGROUND

Newly constructed Grenoble Lyon airport has been designed so it is very easy and convenient to use. Car parks are right in front of the terminal so you don't lose time (and they don't cost much). The terminal hosts all the shops and services you could want : bars, restaurants, newspaper and magazines, duty free shops, regional products, sport equipment, ATM, car hire. For more information please visit: www.grenoble-airport.com

Superb access by car, bus, train and taxi

By car

A48 exit Rives / Saint Geoirs / Airport / Lyon 80km, 50 minutes /

Grenoble 40km, 30 minutes

By bus

(low fare services to Grenoble, Lyon and ski resorts from 4 EUR one-way)

Low fare scheduled bus services connect Grenoble/Lyon airport with the Grenoble city centre (train and bus station) and Lyon city centre for each Blu-Express flights.

By train

Use Grenoble train station and then take the bus to the airport . www.sncf.fr

By taxi

From Lyon, 50 minutes, around 80€ / From Grenoble, 30 minutes, around 50€

Major Ski resorts within easy access of Grenoble Lyon Airport

4 major ski regions are within an easy reach: Isère, Savoie, Haute-Savoie and Hautes-Alpes. In Isère you will find Les Deux Alpes (77 kms from Grenoble), a magnificent ski resort catering for skiers of all abilities. Also in this region is L'Alpe d'Huez, a modern, purpose-built resort close to Grenoble (77 kms). The ski area here stretches over 230 sq kms, has 84 lifts, and caters for all levels. It has some superb off-piste facilities available for the more adventurous and experienced skiers. Savoie hosts worldwide famous resorts such as Tignes, Val d'Isère, La Plagne, les Arcs, Val Thorens and Méribel (all under 160 kms from Grenoble), and the Haute-Savoie offers great resorts such as Les Gets, Morzine, and Chamonix.