



NEWS STATEMENT

NEW DIRECT SUMMER SUN ROUTES ANNOUNCED FROM KERRY AIRPORT

Kerry direct to Faro, Portugal, and Alicante, Spain with Ryanair in 2010

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Today, Kerry Airport announced two **new** Summer sun routes direct to Europe's popular holiday destinations, Faro, Portugal and Alicante, Spain with Ryanair. Commencing in March 2010 to the end of October, the routes will each operate day-time flights*, twice weekly on Wednesday and Saturday. Fares start from only €30 each way including taxes and charges and are on sale from this Thursday (17/12/2009) on www.ryanair.com

Basil Sheerin, Financial Controller, Kerry Airport;

"Summer Sun destinations have historically proven to be very popular routes from Kerry Airport. Today, we are pleased to announce that both Faro on Portugal's beautiful Algarve and Alicante on Spain's famous Costa Blanca will be available direct from Kerry in 2010. We are confident both routes will be a success and well supported as demand for these destinations is strong locally".

Speaking at a press conference at Kerry Airport this morning, Ryanair's Lesley Kane, Head of Sales and Marketing Ryanair, Europe, said;

"Ryanair is pleased to announce new Kerry routes to/from Alicante and Faro from summer 2010, increasing passenger numbers through Kerry Airport by approximately 30,000. We are confident these direct, low cost routes will be successful. Ryanair is celebrating these new routes by releasing 1 million, €5 seats for travel Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on over 500 routes across its European network in January 2010. These €5 seats are now available for booking on www.ryanair.com until midnight Thursday (17th December)".

Kerry Airport currently has direct flights to Dublin, London Stansted, London Luton and Frankfurt Hahn with Ryanair. Kerry Airport won the prestigious Irish Airport of the Year in

2005 from the CCI and was declared as the first Heartsafe Airport in Ireland by the Irish Heart Foundation.

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Don MacMonagle attended the press conference and can syndicate you an image.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Departure Times from Kerry Airport (Wednesday and Saturday)

Kerry to Alicante will start on the 3rd of March

From 3rd March to the 24th March the Alicante route will operate at the following times:

Wednesdays

Leaves Kerry at 0950 arrives Alicante at 1350

Saturdays

Leaves Kerry at 1850 arrives Alicante at 2250

From 25th March the Alicante route will operate at the following times:

Wednesdays

Leaves Kerry at 1720 arrives Alicante at 2120

Saturdays

Leaves Kerry at 1540 arrives Alicante at 1940

The Faro flights will start operating from the 31 March

Wednesdays

Leaves Kerry at 1945 arrives Faro at 2255

Saturdays

Leaves Kerry at 09:30

arrives Faro at 1240

Faro Airport (Portuguese: Aeroporto Internacional de Faro) is located 2.6 km (1.6 miles) to the west of Faro, Portugal. Faro Airport is commonly used by tourists on holiday in the Algarve and a total of 5.6 million passengers flew from /to Faro in 2008. It is Portugal's second International gateway, after Lisbon's International Airport. Faro closest to Portugal's Algarve region and the main resorts are within are 30 minute commute from the Airport. With over 3,000 hours of sunshine a year, the Algarve has a mild climate making it an ideal holiday destination all year round. (average temperature in Summer months is 26 c with 10 - 12 hours of sunshine. The Algarve is also a popular golfing and water sports destination.

Alicante Airport is located 9Km South West of Alicante on Spain's famous Costa Blanca. Alicante Airports' location, affords good access to Benidorm, Calpe and beyond to Valencia or South to Torrevieja, La Manga or beyond to Murcia and Almeria. Alicante Airport handled 9.5 million passengers in 2008.

The Costa Blanca area of Spain is a very popular tourist destination because of its excellent climate (average 28 c during Summer months) and many superb beaches which stretch for miles along the coastline. The region offers something for everyone and has proven popular with Irish holiday makers for over 20 years (many who purchased apartments and villas in the area).

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