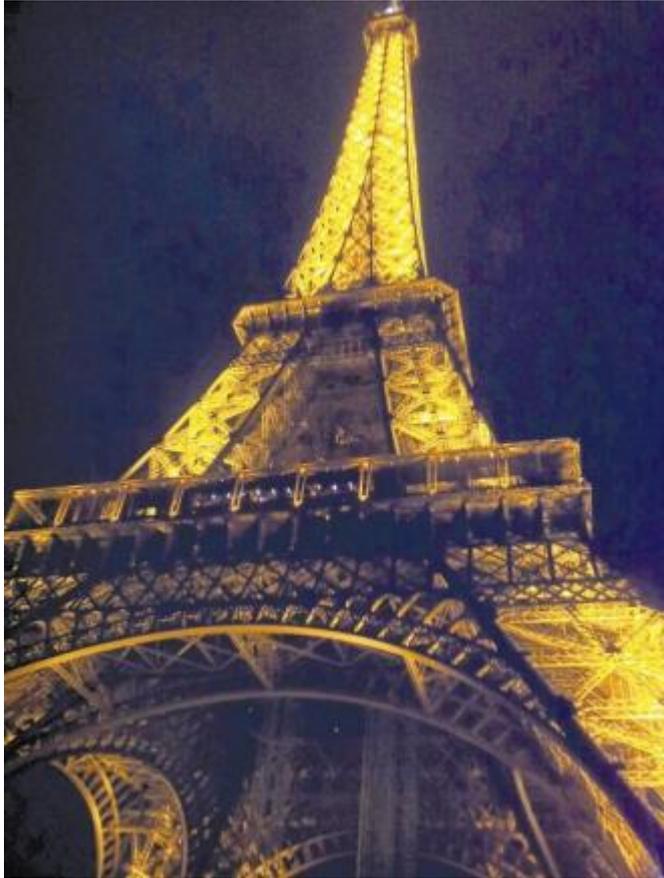


easyJet announces new flights to Paris



Paris - flights to the French capital on our doorstep

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PASSENGERS in the mood for romance will soon be able to enjoy moonlit walks along the Seine and the view from the Eiffel Tower after easyJet announced flights from Southend to Paris.

Tickets from [Southend Airport](#) to Paris Charles De Gaulle went on sale today(tues) with flights set for take off on February 26 next year.

The new route to the French capital will operate four times a week throughout the year and brings the total number of easyJet destinations from Southend to 17.

Glyn Jones, chief executive officer at Southend Airport, said: "It is great news that easyJet is introducing a new service to and from London Southend. After introducing Lyon and Lanzarote earlier this year, this is an exciting development.

"This will provide even greater choice for passengers flying from the airport and we wish them every success."

The airline is expected to fly 50,000 passengers between the destinations annually, which will prove a huge boost to those coming through the terminal as fewer passengers have been flying from Southend with easyJet this year.

Airport owners the [Stobart Group](#), the airport's parent company, said there was a drop of 99,000 easyJet passenger numbers this year based on the same period 12 months ago.

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Neil Slaven, commercial manager at easyJet, said: "We're delighted to be adding a new route to Paris. Our Paris routes have proved extremely popular in both the summer and winter owing to its world famous attractions and its global status for art, fashion, gastronomy and culture.

"There is a growing demand for short and long breaks in Paris and we are able to make it convenient to reach both sides of the route and to provide value for British and French consumers."

notinwestcliffanymore 7:14am Tue 15 Sep 15

good!, but why would you launch 12 days AFTER valentines day?

Score: 5

southendcivilservant 7:27am Tue 15 Sep 15

This is great news! Paris CDG is a major airport, apart from the obvious benefits of being able to stay in Paris itself, there are the possibilities of Paris CDG being a gateway to many many other destinations for people transitting through there.

Score: 5

The Ronnie Rome 7:46am Tue 15 Sep 15

I got the train from Southend - Rome last month. Then again I am more cultured than most of you lot...

All you want is cheep, quick flights to benedorm and duty free.

Score: -10

TheCoat. 7:47am Tue 15 Sep 15

MANGE TOUT! MANGE TOUT!!!

Score: 2

m_hall51 8:57am Tue 15 Sep 15

Fantastic Paris je viens ici d'échantillon tout ce que vous avez.

Fantastic paris here I come to sample all you have.

Score: 0

maxell 9:03am Tue 15 Sep 15

It pains me to say that in my opinion that culture is way down on the agenda these days as it has not got an app for it. People nowadays are into candy crunch not the finest cuisine, Maybe the older generation can appreciate the finer things in life and possibly have the budget to finance the expense of Paris, but feel that this route would only be taken up by a small percentage of the local population, lets face it I would have thought that a Paris route would be popular from all airports, meaning its not exclusive to Southend, and would think that the small percentage of takers in the local area would not be profitable enough for easyjet. A rule of thumb is an airline is losing money if all seats are not filled , which should not be confused with tickets sold as it is not uncommon for empty seats to be sold for a couple of quid, often purchased by the airline themselves , so the airline can legally claim higher numbers passengers based on tickets sales than there actually are.

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Norfolk → maxell 9:26am Tue 15 Sep 15

As Maxell should know (given his proclaimed aviation expertise) that there are flights to Paris from all the London airports apart from Stansted so a Southend to Paris route fills a gap in that regard. With an also very large local catchment area I see no reason why a Paris service should not be a great success. As for airlines fiddling the numbers, as he suggests, the only case that comes to mind is when an airline who shall remain nameless paid agency actors to fly Norwich-Dublin in order to get passenger numbers up to a level where they gained an extra discount on airport fees. An airline is not "losing money if all seats are not filled". True, it makes more money if that is the case but most routes are fully viable if 75% to 80% of seats are filled and easyJet are experts at yield management.

Score: 0

m_hall51 → maxell 9:27am Tue 15 Sep 15

Margate for you then, get the train one way...Paupers vacances pour votre lot

Score: 2

maxell → m_hall51 11:31am Tue 15 Sep 15

Nothing wrong with margate shame you cant get a flight there. And I wonder if easyjet would agree that it is profitable to fly vacant seat aircraft, With the losses easyjet are making they need every filled seat they can, with the yearly low of 1.285 from 1.928 , down 56% on FSTE 100. Yes they have rallied a bit due to August bad weather, but still need filled seats. Do you honestly think an estimated 500-600 people per week, per year, will fly to Paris an estimated 28600 pax. If this could be achieved then easyjet should be in profit, probably the first time at southend , but still probably being bank rolled. and as for being an aviation expert, I am not but can read the writing on the wall.

Score: 0

hownow 10:54am Tue 15 Sep 15

Nice that there is a new route, but, the last two they have added, Lyon & Paris, are also served by Eurostar. So I wonder how successful they will be.