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### **Gibraltar International Airport Welcomes Two New Destinations for Summer 2015**

Gibraltar International Airport will welcome two new routes to its destinations list for this Summer 2015, increasing the number of destinations offered to seven. These additional 5 weekly flights will increase the total number of weekly departures to 37.

The season, which officially starts on Sunday 29 March, will see the start of a new twice-weekly service to Tangier, Morocco. Operated by Moroccan national airline, Royal Air Maroc, flights will operate on Thursdays and Sundays, allowing for a weekend getaway. The flights will be operated by 70 seat ATR72 aircraft with the journey time being approximately 30 minutes. Flights are already on sale and can be booked online or via travel agents. Return fares to Tangier start from £67. Tangier has grown in popularity over the last few years with an interesting mix of North African, Spanish, Portuguese and French influences, offering exotic mystery, interesting history, unspoilt beaches and excellent cuisine.

In addition, this service will start and terminate in Casablanca, Morocco's main city and economic hub. From there, connections are available to other destinations in Morocco such as Agadir and Marrakech, in addition to destinations in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, as well as New York and Montreal.

Gibraltar will also welcome a new UK destination on Sunday 19 April, with easyJet offering a three times a week service to Bristol in the South West of England, operating on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Famed not only for its Georgian streets, crescents, churches and its beautiful setting on the River Avon, Bristol also has a trendy harbour area which houses popular bars, restaurants, cafes and museums. This new service will allow quick access to Bath, Somerset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and South Wales. Fares start from £39.99 one way.

Tangier and Bristol will join London Gatwick, London Heathrow, London Luton, Birmingham and Manchester as year-round services available direct from Gibraltar International Airport, with passenger numbers expected to grow as a result of these new services.

The Hon Samantha Sacramento MP, Minister for Tourism commented: 'Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar remains committed to introducing new routes from Gibraltar International Airport and is excited to have secured not one, but two new destinations for this coming Summer season. This Government's proven track record in delivering more air services will bring yet further benefits for the tourism and business sectors, from two important catchment areas: Bristol Airport serves a very large area in the UK



with close ties to Gibraltar whilst the new direct access to Tangier and Casablanca will open up tremendous opportunities. I am grateful for the hard work of my predecessor Neil Costa in bringing these projects to fruition and I have no doubt that they will be welcomed by all."

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