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## easyJet announces flights to Manchester

easyJet, Europe's leading airline, today (8 December) announced a new service from Gibraltar to Manchester which will commence on 3 July 2016.

The new route, which operates twice a week on Wednesdays and Sundays, is a year round service and will be operated using a 180 seater A320.

easyJet expects the new route to attract around 30,000 visitors during the first 12 months of operation. Fares start from £35.49 one way.

easyJet already operates services to Bristol and London Gatwick from Gibraltar.

## Ali Gayward, easyJet's Head of Gibraltar, said:

"We're delighted to have added this new route to our network from Gibraltar.

"We continue to see an increased number of travellers looking to fly with easyJet on our Gibraltar routes and with affordable fares and flight time of just over two and a half hours, we're confident that this new service will prove popular with both business and leisure travellers.

"We remain fully committed to serving Gibraltar and supporting the growth of tourism and business through our easy and affordable fares."

## The Hon Samantha Sacramento, Minister for Tourism said:

"This is excellent news from easyJet so soon after their announcement of an increase in flights from London Gatwick for next year. Demand from Manchester to

Gibraltar has seen a steady increase and we are happy to welcome a second carrier on this route. Our tourism and hospitality partners are always calling for more capacity on air services from the UK and I am delighted to see this commitment from the airline to Gibraltar. Her Majesty's

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Government of Gibraltar, the Gibraltar Tourist Board and Gibraltar International Airport work tirelessly to encourage further growth in air services delivering important business to the Rock. We look forward to yet another busy year in 2016, welcoming even more visitors from the north of England."

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