

## GOVERNOR DANNEL P. MALLOY

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## Gov. Malloy and Conn. Airport Authority Announce Launch of Norwegian Air International Operations at Bradley International Airport

Flights from Bradley International Airport to Edinburgh, Scotland to Commence in June

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Dannel P. Malloy, officials from the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA), and representatives from Norwegian Air today announced that Norwegian Air International, a low-cost carrier and Norwegian Air's Irish subsidiary, will soon commence operations at Bradley International Airport. Beginning in June, 17, 2017, the airline will offer direct, nonstop service from Bradley International Airport to Edinburgh, Scotland, at its trademark low cost fares.

"With the addition of these flights, travelers flying internationally for business or pleasure have even more convenient travel options in the Greater Hartford region," Governor Malloy said. "Bradley International Airport is recognized by many as being faster and less stressful than other nearby airports – and with the addition of new flights to Europe, as well as new destinations around the country, that reputation only improves."

"It's great to have more airlines and more business at Bradley," Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman said. "The Norwegian Air route opens options for travelers and gives the business community additional access to Europe and Scandinavia. I applaud Governor Malloy, Chairman Gray, and the Connecticut Airport Authority, and welcome Norwegian Air to the state."

"We are pleased to announce our new highly-anticipated transatlantic routes," Bjørn Kjos, CEO and Founder of Norwegian Air, said. "Our new, nonstop service will enable tens of thousands of new travelers to fly between the continents much more comfortably and affordably. Norwegian's latest transatlantic offering is not only great news for the traveling public, but also for the local U.S. economies as we will bring more tourists that will increase spending, consequently creating thousands of new local jobs. We are excited to finally be able to launch service and we would like to express a big gratitude for the extensive support from consumer groups, government officials, airports, tourism organizations and the travel and tourism industry on both sides of the Atlantic in our quest to offer affordable transatlantic flights for all."

The service will utilize a Boeing 737-MAX aircraft with a 189-seat configuration. It will operate year-round, three times a week, with a twice-weekly schedule during the winter season. The summer season ends on October 28, and the 2017/2018 winter season begins on October 29.

Tickets for this service are on sale now at **Norwegian.com/us**, with fares beginning at \$65, including taxes. Passengers have the option to receive additional savings by bundling a seat reservation, pre-ordering a meal service (including alcoholic beverages), and pre-paying for checked luggage. Norwegian does not charge customers for carry-on luggage.

"We are thrilled to welcome Norwegian Air International to Bradley International Airport," CAA Board Chairman Charles R. Gray said. "The expansion of Bradley's nonstop destinations, domestically and internationally, is a key strategic goal for the Connecticut Airport Authority. We're pleased to demonstrate results with the addition of important routes like this one and to continue facilitating convenient business and leisure travel from Bradley."

"The Norwegian Air International route will be Bradley Airport's second nonstop transatlantic route," CAA Executive Director Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., said. "The additional frequencies between Bradley and Europe will provide our passengers with more options, making their travel experience more convenient. We are pleased to introduce this exciting new route to our travelers, and we look forward to our partnership with Norwegian Air International."

Today's announcement follows other recent service announcements at the airport, including **the addition of Spirit Airlines'** nonstop service to Myrtle Beach, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale. In 2016, Bradley International Airport marked its fourth consecutive year of year-over-year passenger growth. Service launches included: Aer Lingus service to Dublin, Ireland; American Airlines service to Los Angeles; United Airlines service to Denver; and OneJet service to Pittsburgh.

Over the past year, Bradley has also diversified its menu of amenities. Recent openings include an Escape Lounge (a common-use airport lounge), Phillips Seafood restaurant, duty-free shop, Customs and Border Protection Global Entry enrollment center and a mother's nursing room. A Two Roads Brewery Tap Room is also scheduled to open at the airport in the coming months.

The CAA was established in 2011 with the goal of transforming Bradley International Airport and five of the state's general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton/New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham Airports) into vibrant economic drivers. It is a quasi-public agency and has the flexibility and autonomy to streamline processes and maintain responsiveness to economic opportunities for the airports. The CAA Board of Directors consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and various other industries.

Bradley International Airport is the second largest airport in New England, with a customer base that covers the entire Northeast.