

## **Aer Lingus Resumes Nonstop Service from Bradley International Airport to Dublin, Ireland**

Convenient and easy access to Ireland, UK and Europe is restored

**Windsor Locks, CT (March 26, 2023)** – The Connecticut Airport Authority is pleased to announce that Aer Lingus has resumed its popular nonstop service from Bradley International Airport to Dublin, Ireland. The first flight departed Bradley International Airport today, March 26, 2023, at 6:00pm EST.

The resumed service operates daily through the end of October via Aer Lingus' Airbus A321neo LR aircraft and offers connectivity to 28 key UK and European airports, including London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Vienna, Madrid, Barcelona, Rome and Prague, and more. The service is expected to operate annually on a seasonal basis until year-round demand is realized from the return of business travel.

"After more than two years it's great to be back flying back to Hartford. Our daily flights, from and through Dublin, will bring travelers from Ireland, the UK and Europe into the center of Connecticut which is home to global businesses and recognized as the insurance capital of the world," Lynne Embleton, Aer Lingus CEO said. "As the only European airline operating out of Hartford, we also offer a unique service to US passengers, flying them directly on our non-stop service to Dublin, and through our Dublin hub, connecting them onwards to the most popular UK and European destinations."

"We are thrilled to have Aer Lingus back at Bradley International Airport," said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Connecticut Airport Authority Executive Director. "Their return strengthens our pandemic recovery and is key to our continued growth. Leading up to the return, we have already seen a lot of excitement from travelers, and we are extremely proud to once again offer easy and quick transatlantic access to Ireland and beyond."

In celebration of the relaunch, travelers on today's flight were treated to live entertainment and giveaways.

Aer Lingus, the Irish flag carrier, first started operating out of Bradley International Airport in 2016. After nearly four successful years and thousands of passengers served, the nonstop service was interrupted in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the comfortable experience offered onboard the A321neo LR aircraft, transatlantic travelers will once again have the opportunity to enjoy high-speed internet access, an extensive in-flight entertainment selection, gourmet meals and the airline's award-winning cabin service. The aircraft type is the airline's most sustainable long-haul aircraft delivering up to 20% reduction

in fuel burn and CO2 emissions and close to 50% reduction in noise footprint when compared to previous generation aircraft.

Individuals traveling with Aer Lingus will also benefit from the added convenience of Dublin Airport, which offers U.S. Customs and Border Protection preclearance. This means that Bradley International Airport bound passengers will be able to complete all necessary US-entry requirements in Dublin ahead of their departure. Dublin Airport is one of only a few airports outside North America that offers a US Preclearance facility. At Bradley International Airport, travelers arrive at the airport's main terminal, Terminal A.

To purchase tickets and for up-to-date information on flight schedules and fares, visit [aerlingus.com](https://aerlingus.com).

#### **About Bradley International Airport**

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is New England's second-largest airport. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, Bradley International Airport is ready to welcome you with new nonstops and expanded services. The award-winning airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit [www.flyBDL.org](https://www.flyBDL.org).

#### **About The Connecticut Airport Authority**

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.

#### **About Aer Lingus**

Aer Lingus is the Irish flag carrier, founded in 1936. In summer 2023, Aer Lingus will operate over 107 routes, flying to over 71 direct routes and to 83 destinations from Ireland to the UK and Europe. The airline operates 15 transatlantic routes from Dublin, Shannon and Manchester UK to North America and the Caribbean. Aer Lingus is a 4-Star airline, awarded by Skytrax, the international air transport rating organisation. Aer Lingus is a member of International Airlines Group (IAG), one of the world's largest airline groups. For more info, visit [www.aerlingus.com](https://www.aerlingus.com).