**In Summer, Prague Airport Serviced 9% More Passengers Than Last Year**

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**Vaclav Havel Airport Prague has reported another increase in the number of serviced passengers. During the busiest summer months, which is between July and September, the airport serviced 5,484,272 passengers, which means a 9.3% year-to-year increase. During those months, Prague Airport offered flights to a total of 163 destinations operated by 68 airlines. The largest number of passengers passed through Václav Havel Airport Prague in July, which was also the busiest month in the airport’s history.**

*“This summer season, when overall air traffic across Europe increased, Prague Airport again managed to maintain the trend of slowly increasing its number of flights. While the number of serviced passengers in summer grew by more than 9%, the number of flights grew by 6% on a year-to-year basis. This is good news, especially with respect to the quality of life around the airport,”* says Václav Řehoř, the CEO of Letiště Praha (Prague Airport).

During the past summer months, the largest number of passengers flew from Prague to London, the busiest destination based on the number of checked-in passengers, followed by Moscow, Paris, Amsterdam and Frankfurt. London also reported the largest interannual increase in the number of checked-in passengers. Compared to the same period in 2017, almost 50,000 people traveled to London, which means a 16% year-to-year increase. The number of checked-in passengers has also significantly grown on flights to Antalya (a 47% interannual increase), Barcelona (+29%), Budapest (+107%) and Dubai (+ 22%).

As far as vacation destinations are concerned, the most frequented destination was Antalya, followed by Burgas, Heraklion, Hurghada and Rhodes. Direct flights to long-haul destinations were also more frequent during the summer months. The number of passengers on these flights grew by 34% interannually. Services to Dubai and Toronto reported the largest increase in passengers.

*“Prague Airport has successfully coped with another very demanding summer season, especially thanks to the extraordinary commitment of our employees.* This year, we have not only managed to check in more passengers, but we have also implemented a number of development projects under full operations, such *as the new central security check at Terminal 2, the renovation of checked-in luggage conveyor belts, and new gates that can better accommodate long-distance flights at Terminal 1. Such steps are necessary for the airport’s development and its successful operation in the years to come,”* says Václav Řehoř.

**The number of checked-in passengers from July – September 2018 and a comparison with 2017**

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| **Month** | **2017** | **2018** | **Year-by-year comparison** |
| July | 1,703,193 | 1,877,369 | +174,176 (+10%) |
| August | 1,703,011 | 1,875,206 | +172,195 (+10%) |
| September | 1,612,825 | 1,731,697 | +118,872 (+7%) |

Destinations with the highest annual growth **by number of passengers (the number of checked-in persons)**

London – 49,404 passengers (+16%)

Antalya – 42,499 passengers (+ 47%)

Barcelona – 29,720 passengers (+ 29%)

Budapest – 29,356 passengers (+ 107%)

Dubai – 25,218 passengers (+ 22%)

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