**LOGANAIR STEPS IN TO SAFEGUARD UK AIR ROUTES AFTER FLYBE COLLAPSE**

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Loganair, Scotland’s Airline, has reacted to the closure of Flybe by announcing plans to safeguard UK regional connectivity by taking up 16 routes formerly flown by Flybe. The airline will be adding nearly 400 new flights each week and has opened a special recruitment line for former Flybe employees seeking to continuing their aviation careers with Loganair.

The 16 routes – from existing Loganair base airports at Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness and Newcastle – will be launched progressively over the next four months. Flights on the first and largest group of these key air routes will commence as early as Monday 16 March. All flights are already on sale at [www.loganair.co.uk](http://www.loganair.co.uk) and via travel agent systems.

The routes are:

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| **Route between** | **Flights commence**  | **Lead in fare****One-way** | **Outline of Loganair service** |
| Aberdeen & Belfast City | 16 March | £ 49.99 | Daily ERJ service |
| Aberdeen & Birmingham | 16 March | £ 57.99 | Up to 3 x daily ERJ service |
| Aberdeen & Jersey | 09 May | £ 79.99 | Saturday ATR72 service |
| Aberdeen & Manchester | 16 March | £ 57.99 | 4 x daily ERJ service*More seats with 4x daily ATR72 service from 1 September* |
| Edinburgh & Cardiff | 23 March | £ 49.99 | Daily ERJ service*More flights with 10 x weekly ERJ from 1 September*  |
| Edinburgh & Exeter | 23 March | £ 54.99 | Daily ERJ service (excl Wed)*More seats with daily ATR72 service from 6 July* |
| Edinburgh & Manchester | 23 March | £ 49.99 | Up to 4 x daily ERJ service |
| Edinburgh & Newquay | 20 June | £ 69.99 | 2 x weekly AT7 service |
| Edinburgh & Southampton | 15 June | £ 54.99 | Up to 4 x daily AT7 service |
| Glasgow & Exeter | 30 March | £ 54.99 | Daily ERJ service*More seats with daily ATR72 service from 6 July* |
| Glasgow & Southampton | 30 March | £ 54.99 | 3 x daily ERJ service*More flights & seats with 4 x daily ATR72 service from 6 July* |
| Inverness & Belfast City | 23 March | £ 49.99 | Daily Saab 340 service |
| Inverness & Birmingham | 16 March | £ 54.99 | 4 x weekly ERJ service*More flights with daily ERJ service from 23 March* |
| Inverness & Jersey | 30 May | £ 79.99 | Saturday ATR72 service |
| Newcastle & Exeter | 6 July | £ 54.99 | Daily ERJ service |
| Newcastle & Southampton | 23 March | £ 54.99 | 3 x daily ERJ service |

[Aircraft – ERJ is an Embraer Regional Jet with 49 or 37 seats; AT7 is an ATR72 with 70 seats; SF3 is a Saab 340 with 33 seats.]

All Loganair fares include a free hold baggage allowance, allocated seating and in-flight refreshments. Loganair is also one of few UK airlines to offer discounted fares for children and a free baggage allowance for infants, even if travelling on a parent’s lap.

Loganair’s Chief Executive Jonathan Hinkles said:

“The collapse of a long-standing airline like Flybe marks a desperately sad day, especially for the airline’s dedicated team of employees and for customers facing disruption to their journeys. By stepping in quickly with a comprehensive plan, Loganair is aiming to maintain essential air connectivity within the UK regions to keep customers flying, and to offer new employment to former Flybe staff members who are facing an uncertain future today.”

Customers formerly booked on Flybe services on the same routes will need to make new bookings at [www.loganair.co.uk](http://www.loganair.co.uk), and obtain a refund via their payment card provider for tickets booked with Flybe. In common with all other airlines, Loganair has no access to Flybe systems or customer data to be able to facilitate re-bookings.

Loganair has partnership arrangements with several international airlines including Emirates, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Air France, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines and United Airlines. Customers who held a Flybe booking including onward travel with one of these airlines, or as part of a package holiday, should contact the travel agent or airline with whom the booking was made to arrange for re-booking onto the new Loganair flights on equivalent routes.

The addition of 16 former Flybe routes to Loganair’s network will see the airline operate up to 400 new services each week, cementing its position as the UK’s fourth largest airline by volume of flights. Additional 70-seat ATR 72 turboprop aircraft will join Loganair’s fleet over the coming weeks to service the new routes, alongside the existing 44-strong fleet of turboprop and Embraer Regional Jet aircraft. The ATR aircraft have the lowest carbon emissions per passenger of any regional aircraft.

Loganair will be recruiting for additional pilots, cabin crew and engineers to be based at Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Newcastle airports to support the expansion. It is expected that over 100 new positions will be created across the four locations, and Loganair will be prioritising applications from former Flybe staff for all of these roles. There will also be a small number of new head office support roles.

The safeguarding of these routes by Loganair will also help former Flybe ground handling agents and airport operators at locations such as Southampton and Exeter to preserve employment in their businesses.

Chief Executive Jonathan Hinkles concluded:

“The plan represents the outcome of several weeks of behind-the-scenes contingency planning work, during which we’ve evaluated many routes and aircraft. It’s critical to the continued success of our own airline that we refrain from over-expansion, and that our growth can be delivered within our operational and financial means. I am confident that the plans being announced today are robust and sustainable, enabling former Flybe customers to benefit from Loganair’s high standards of customer service and on-time performance on a range of new routes, with a strong emphasis on those to and from our Scottish heartlands.”

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Notes to Editors:

* All of the new flights can now be booked via Loganair’s website at [www.loganair.co.uk](http://www.loganair.co.uk) and via travel agents.
* Former Flybe team members interested in joining Loganair are asked to e-mail their CV and a covering letter or note to a special recruitment address, flyberecruitment@loganair.co.uk. A dedicated team has been established within Loganair to prioritise employment of former Flybe staff into new roles being created at Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Newcastle airports.
* Founded in 1962, Loganair is the UK’s longest-serving airline still flying under its original name. Scotland’s Airline is privately owned by Stephen and Peter Bond through Airline Investments Limited. It is based at Glasgow Airport and employs over 900 staff at locations throughout Scotland; at Newcastle and Chester; in the Isle of Man, and at City of Derry Airport in Northern Ireland.
* Prior to Flybe’s failure, Loganair was the second largest UK regional airline, serving more domestic routes than Flybe and providing more air services to regional communities such as those in the Highlands and Islands than every other airline put together.
* The airline already operates over 1,300 flights each week with a fleet of 44 aircraft and the expansion announced today will see this expand to approximately 1,700 flights per week with 48 aircraft.
* In addition to its extensive scheduled service route network, Loganair also operates dedicated flights for several key customers in the oil and gas industry, for Royal Mail and corporate shuttle services for large companies and sports teams.