

bmi announces schedule for new London Heathrow - Kiev route with flights on sale now

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bmi, the business airline, has announced that they will operate a five times a week service to the Ukrainian capital Kiev. Beginning on 29 March 2009 as part of bmi's summer timetable, the new route is available to book now on www.flybmi.com (<http://www.flybmi.com>)

Connecting business and leisure travellers to the vibrant city of Kiev, the airline will offer a market-leading

Business Class service (<http://www.flybmi.com/bmi/en-gb/our-services/business-class/business-class.aspx>) on the route, with comfortable leather seats and 50" seat pitch, 16 inches greater than competitors.

With great value Economy fares from just £189 and Business Class fares from £1,349 for seats booked before 31 January 2009, there has never been a better time to travel to Kiev with bmi.

All bmi flights operate from London Heathrow Terminal One – the home of bmi. In addition to benefits including online check-in

(<http://www.flybmi.com/bmi/en-gb/flight-and-airport-info/check-in/online-check-in.aspx>), travellers will also be able to take advantage of Diamond Club, the UK's most generous frequent flyer programme, and bmi's Company Rewards programme for SMEs.

Peter Spencer, managing director bmi commented: "We are delighted to announce the launch date for our newest service, offering customers a market leading Business Class product on the route between London and Kiev ([http://www.flybmi.com/bmi/en-gb/book-now/london-heathrow-to-kiev-\(borispol\).aspx](http://www.flybmi.com/bmi/en-gb/book-now/london-heathrow-to-kiev-(borispol).aspx)). Customers travelling with bmi will have the opportunity to discover the business opportunities and cultural attractions the city has to offer, whilst taking advantage of competitive prices."

This announcement follows a series of market leading initiatives that has seen bmi become the first airline to abolish fuel surcharges on all flights to UK and European destinations. bmi was the first British airline to trial the OnAir service offering travellers access to text messages and email and the first airline to offer paperless boarding

(<http://www.flybmi.com/bmi/en-gb/flight-and-airport-info/check-in/paperless-boarding.aspx>) on selected routes. Other recent news from bmi includes the recently doubling of services to Riyadh in January 2009, as the airline seeks to focus on key business routes.

- bmi to operate a five times a week service from London Heathrow to the Ukrainian capital with connections from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Manchester, Belfast and Dublin from 29 March 2009
- Take advantage of great deals to Kiev from just £189 return in Economy and £1,349 in Business Class in the bmi Better for Business sale until 31 January 2009

Ends

Note to editors:

- Services from London Heathrow to Kiev will operate five times a week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday
- bmi flights to Kiev will operate on an A321 with a two cabin configuration of 31 Business Class seats and 118 Economy seats
- flight schedule (local times)

London Heathrow - Kiev

BD851 depart London Heathrow (LHR) 10:10, arrive Kiev (KBP) 15:25
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Kiev - London Heathrow

BD852 depart Kiev (KBP) 16:20, arrive London Heathrow (LHR) 17:55
Monday and Friday

BD852 depart Kiev (KBP) 16:30, arrive London Heathrow (LHR) 18:05
Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday

For further information, please contact Emma Robertson/Natalie Amos/ Lois Kettlewell/Phil Sorenson at bmiflightrequests@fourcommunications.com or on 0870 626 3141.

- bmi is the second largest airline at London Heathrow, one of the world's busiest and best connected airports. Across its Heathrow and regional network, bmi operates 1,800 flights a week to: Aberdeen; Addis Ababa; Aleppo; Almaty; Amsterdam; Antigua; Baku; Barbados; Beirut; Belfast City; Bishkek; Brussels; Cairo; Chicago; Cologne; Copenhagen; Damascus; Dammam; Dublin; Durham Tees Valley; East Midlands; Edinburgh; Esbjerg; Freetown; Glasgow; Groningen; Hanover; Jeddah; Jersey; Khartoum; Kiev; Las Vegas; Leeds Bradford; London Heathrow; Lyon; Manchester; Moscow Domodedovo; Naples; Norwich; Palma Mallorca; Riyadh; Tbilisi; Tehran; Tel Aviv; Venice; Yerevan; Zurich.

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