

Aer Lingus wins 'Best Airline to Europe ex. Belfast' for third consecutive year

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Aer Lingus has announced its success in the Northern Ireland Travel and Tourism Awards 2012, winning the 'Best Airline to Europe ex. Belfast' Award for the third year in a row. The accolade was received at a ceremony held at the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa.

More than 400 VIPs and decision-makers from the travel industry both north and south attended the 21st Northern Ireland Travel and Tourism Awards gala, hosted by TV personality Roy Walker.

Aer Lingus' Commercial Manager in Northern Ireland, Valerie Abbott said: "We are delighted that our service to Europe has yet again been recognised as top class. We've been in Belfast for almost five years now and receiving this recognition for the third year in a row is testament that our service and fares are a winning combination with our customers"

"I would especially like to thank all our staff in Belfast for their hard work and dedication. This award is a credit to them for the great care they provide to our customers every day."

Aer Lingus will operate three times daily flights to London Heathrow and London Gatwick for winter 2012 from George Best Belfast City Airport, with daily flights also operating next summer to Malaga and Faro.

About Aer Lingus:

Aer Lingus was founded by the Irish Government in April 1936 to provide air services to/from Ireland. The first flight, from Dublin to Bristol, took place on May 27th 1936.

Aer Lingus' low-cost, low fares model is centered on maintaining low unit cost, offering one way fares, maintaining effective fleet utilisation and developing the Aer Lingus brand. Consistent with this low-cost model, Aer Lingus' primary distribution channel is its website [aerlingus.com](http://www.aerlingus.com) where customers can find a number of flight deals from Ireland (<http://www.aerlingus.com/travelinformation/weboffersfromireland/>) and USA flight deals (<http://www.aerlingus.com/travelinformation/weboffersfromusa/>), as well as take advantage of the Aer Lingus check in app, purchase travel vouchers and peruse other flight offers (<http://www.aerlingus.com/travelinformation/weboffersfromuk/>).

Aer Lingus provides a cargo transportation service on some of its scheduled passenger routes, including flights to the USA and Europe. Aer Lingus provides mail transportation services between Ireland and the United Kingdom.

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