



# Madeira Expands UK Flight Connections with 12% More Weekly Services for Summer 2025

New direct routes from Luton, Bournemouth and Edinburgh enhance accessibility to the island's stunning landscapes and year-round sunshine







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**04 April 2025.** Madeira is set to become even more accessible for UK travellers this summer, with a 12% increase in weekly flights between March and October 2025\*. The newly released flight schedule sees weekly flights for the summer period rise from 349 in 2024 to 390 in 2025, with four new direct services launching from Luton, Bournemouth and Edinburgh.

The new routes offering greater convenience are:

- **Bournemouth:** Jet2 will introduce a **new weekly service from May**, departing on **Thursdays**, providing a convenient **3-hour 40-minute** connection between Bournemouth and Funchal.
- Edinburgh: Ryanair will operate twice-weekly flights on Wednesdays and Sundays, linking Scotland's capital with Madeira in just 4 hours.
- Luton: Both easyJet and Jet2 are expanding services. Jet2 will offer a weekly Monday flight for the
  entire summer season, while easyJet will launch two additional services from June, with departures
  on Mondays and Fridays. Flight time from Luton to Funchal is also 4 hours.

This expansion in air connectivity is set to give Madeira's tourism industry a significant boost, offering UK visitors even greater ease in exploring the island's breathtaking landscapes, vibrant culture and year-round sunshine. It adds to Madeira's already excellent connectivity, which includes a range of regional services from Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, East Midlands, Glasgow, Jersey, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle, as well as multiple services from London Gatwick, Stansted and Luton.

For more information on things to see and do in Madeira, visit <a href="https://visitmadeira.com/en/">https://visitmadeira.com/en/</a>





\*Summer season is March 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 to October 25<sup>th</sup> 2025

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### About Madeira. Belongs to all

- Madeira. Belongs to all is the consumer-facing brand of the <u>Madeira Promotion Bureau</u>, which aims
  to promote Madeira as a tourist destination to consumers and the travel trade.
- Madeira, otherwise known as 'the islands of eternal spring', is just a short, three-and-a-half-hour flight
  from London. It covers 740km² and has a population of only 260,000. On the same latitude as
  Morocco, the Atlantic archipelago has a sub-tropical climate, a rich volcanic soil and a unique ecosystem. It is one of the only places in the planet where banana trees grow next to vineyards.
- Located approximately 1,000km from the European mainland and just 500km from the African continent Madeira enjoys an amazingly mild climate, ranging from 25°c in the summer to 17°c in the winter, with very mild average temperatures and moderate humidity.
- In 1999, Madeira's indigenous forest, the Laurissilva, was declared a UNESCO Natural World Heritage
   Site. The Madeira Natural Park is a protected area that covers around two-thirds of Madeira Island's territory, equivalent to 67% of its surface.

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Madeira Promotion Bureau aims to promote Madeira in the national and international markets.

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