

# Airport figures boosted by the Six Nations

Passenger numbers at Edinburgh Airport have been 'propped up' by the Six Nations as well as new routes offered from the capital.

The airport welcomed 939,412 passengers through the airport in February which is an increase on the same month last year. It is yet again record breaking as the busiest February ever. Of these more than half were international passengers (536,327). The domestic market was also ahead of the same month last year with the return of Ryanair to Stansted, a new Ryanair route to Derry and easyJet flying to Jersey. BA Cityflyer and Flybe are also flying more often to London City than they were in 2018.



Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive of Edinburgh Airport

said: "Passenger numbers have rebounded well since last February and we said at the time we were confident they would because our appeal both in terms of outward and inward tourism remains strong. Clearly no heavy days of snow has been welcomed and we always see an influx of rugby fans who see Edinburgh and Murrayfield as a must visit destination and stadium.

"We should also take confidence in the fact that the continuity of flights no matter the Brexit outcome has been guaranteed and that should allow passengers to plan with confidence. But we should still be looking to give ourselves the best possible outlook by cutting APD and showing that we remain open and an attractive destination."

New routes will be launched this year :

Mar 2019:

Loganair to Islay

Apr 2019:

American Airlines to Philadelphia

Ryanair to Billund & Luxembourg

May 2019:

Delta Airlines to Boston

Jet 2 to Bodrum, Bourgas and Corfu

Loganair to Bergen, Stavanger & Guernsey

June 2019:

Alitalia to Milan (to both Linate and Malpensa)