

## The UK is the 1<sup>st</sup> country in Europe served by low-cost airlines with 935 routes available this summer

- 18,5% of the 5000 European low-cost routes are from or to the UK
- London is by far the European city the best-served by low-cost airlines
- Manchester and Edinburgh better served than capitals like Berlin or Madrid
- View the study: <http://blog.gopili.co.uk/the-uk-is-the-1st-country-in-europe-served-by-low-cost-airlines/>

Low-cost carriers have revolutionized the European airline industry by reducing the cost of travelling and expanding rapidly in emerging markets but do all European citizens can benefit from low-cost airlines the same way? **Which areas are the best-served by low-cost airlines in Europe?** The travel metasearch engine [Gopili.co.uk](http://Gopili.co.uk) has analysed the routes served by the 12 major low-cost European airlines to create a map revealing the most and least served areas.

### More than 5000 routes operated by low cost airlines in Europe

The study reveals that the UK is the European country the most-served by low-cost airlines with **935 routes available this summer**, which means that approximately **18,5% of the 5000 European low cost routes take off or land at a British airport**. Spain (837 routes), Germany (578), France (574) and Italy (546) complete the Top 5 of the most-served European countries by low cost airlines.

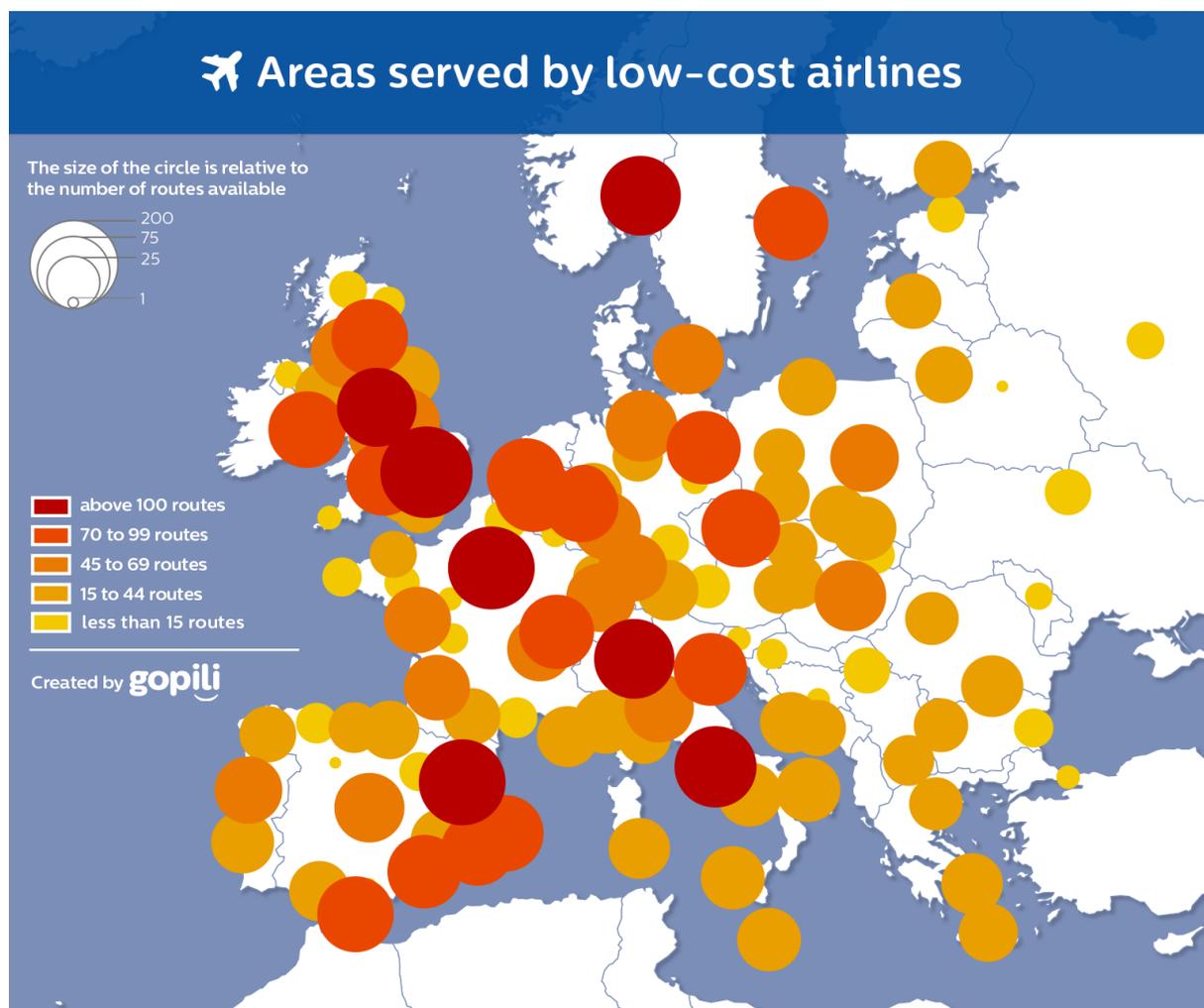
European countries with the highest number of routes operated by low-cost airlines		
1	United Kingdom	935
2	Spain	837
3	Germany	578
4	France	574
5	Italy	546
6	Poland	186
7	Switzerland	139
8	Czech Republic	116
9	Norway	108
10	Netherlands	95
11	Belgium	94
12	Portugal	91
13	Greece	90
14	Sweden	81
15	Croatia	70
16	Hungary	65
17	Denmark	63
18	Romania	61
19	Malta	41
20	Austria	38

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**The European Megalopolis is the area the most served by low-cost carriers**

The map reveals that low-cost airlines have more presence in the European Megalopolis, a discontinuous corridor from Manchester to Milan, including London, Brussels and Frankfurt. It also appears that there is a **significant gap between the different regions of the Mediterranean coast**. While countries like Spain and to a smaller extent Italy are well served, France only has 43 routes from Nice, 17 from Marseille and 11 from Montpellier. Other concrete examples are Albania, Greece and Turkey, badly served on their coast comparing to other European countries. Aside from Poland and Czech Republic, **citizens of Eastern Europe have much less opportunities to fly with low-cost airlines**.



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**London’s citizens benefit from the highest number of low-cost flights in Europe**

London is the best-served European city with **217 low-cost flight destinations**, partly because of the high number of airports connecting the capital to Europe. The second place is shared by Paris and Barcelona with 160 routes, followed by Rome (122) and Milan (112).

**Manchester (106) and Edinburgh (86) are among the top 15 European cities best-served by low cost airlines**, ahead of capital cities like Berlin, Madrid, Stockholm and Geneva. Different factors including the smaller total area of the country as well as the important number of UK-based low-cost airlines enable most UK citizens to be less than 2 hours’ drive away from an airport served by low-cost airlines.

European cities with the highest number of routes operated by low-cost airlines		
1	London	217
2	Paris	160
2	Barcelona	160
4	Roma	122
5	Milan	112
6	Oslo	108
7	Manchester	106
8	Prague	99
9	Amsterdam	95
10	Brussels	94
11	Mallorca	91
11	Dusseldorf	91
11	Dublin	91
14	Malaga	86
14	Edinburgh	86
16	Geneva	81
16	Stockholm	81
18	Cologne	80
19	Alicante	77
20	Berlin	76



[See the entire ranking](#)

**About Gopili.co.uk**

[Gopili.co.uk](http://Gopili.co.uk) is a multimodal travel search engine which enables users to compare all transportation options for domestic and international journeys: plane, train, coach and ride share. Gopili is the European brand of the French startup KelBillet.

*\*Data have been collected taking only into account direct flights available from 125 European cities and operated by Ryanair, Transavia, EasyJet, Vueling, Volotea, Wizzair, Smartwings, Jet2, Flybe, Germanwings, Norwegian and Monarch. The total number of destinations per city has been calculated counting only one destination even if the same route was served by several low-cost airlines.*