

New traffic record for Grenoble-Isère Airport: 472 647 passengers in 2007

Grenoble-Isère Airport has achieved a new historic traffic record with 472 647 passengers received in 2007, representing an increase of 8.5 % compared to 2006. A development contributed to by the Isère Regional Council through the financing of a new arrivals terminal, as well as different infrastructures. Since 2004, the group VINCI Airports/Keolis Airport have managed the Grenoble-Isère (SEAGI) and Chambéry-Savoie (SEACA) airports, in the framework of the Public Service Delegation. These initial collaborations have been crowned with success, with the two airports having recorded ever-increasing passenger figures.

Regular traffic increased by 30 % in terms of passengers, and represents 50 % of the total traffic. The 5 winter months constitute 70 % of annual airport use, attesting to the natural position of the airport as gateway to the French Alps for "low cost" companies, and its place as leader in the winter air-traffic sector. In 2007, Grenoble-Isère Airport counted 43 309 plane arrivals and departures (+ 2%).

British clients represent two-thirds of overall airport traffic. This is due to the airline offer comprising 11 regular winter flights to England and Scotland, offered by the main British airlines (Easyjet, Ryanair, British Airways, Thomsonfly) and service to 3 London airports: Stansted (year-round), Gatwick and Luton (from December to April).

Increase of regular flights and frequency

Tourist activity at Grenoble Airport continued to develop in 2007 through regular flights, in particular with the creation of a yearlong regular flight to Dublin operated by Ryanair (3 flights per week) in addition to the yearlong flights to London Stansted.

Development of charter traffic

Grenoble Airport continues to be a leader in the charter flights market, with Tour Operator service to the United Kingdom, Northern and Eastern Europe.

Business traffic takes off

With the growing demand for business service in Grenoble, a Business Terminal entirely reserved for this activity was inaugurated on the 14th December 2007. More than 1 800 passengers, mainly British and Russian, have passed through the Terminal since then.

Activity set to increase from the beginning of 2008

This winter, 18 European destinations can be accessed via departure from Grenoble-Isère Airport. The arrival of three new low cost airlines, Tuifly, Transavia and Flyglobespan, has opened up new markets: Hamburg and Cologne in Germany, Amsterdam/Rotterdam in Holland and Edinburgh in Scotland.

Regular flights, several per week, to London Stansted and Gatwick, Dublin, Bristol, Bournemouth and Amsterdam/Rotterdam, have made short and mid-term stays easier for passengers.

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