

Burgas Airport (IATA: BOJ, ICAO: LBBG) (Bulgarian: Летище Бургас, romanized: Letishte Burgas) is an international airport in southeast Bulgaria and the second largest in the country. It is near the northern neighbourhood of Sarafovo approximately 10 km (6.2 mi) from the city centre. The airport principally serves Burgas and other seaside resorts of Bulgarian south coast which attract many tourists during the summer leisure season. In 2018 it handled 3,277,229 passengers, a 9.9% increase compared to 2017.[citation needed]

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History[edit]

Early years[edit]

On 27 June 1937, the French company CIDNA (now part of Air France), chose the area of Burgas Airport to build a radio station and signed a contract with the Bulgarian government for its use. The contract expressly stated that the staff of Burgas Airport would be Bulgarian. On 29 June 1947, Balkan Bulgarian Airlines began domestic flights between Burgas, Plovdiv and Sofia, using Junkers Ju 52/3m aircraft. In the 1950s and 1960s, the airport was expanded and modernized by building a concrete runway. In 1970, the airport became an international airport serving 45 destinations.[1]

Development since the 2000s[edit]

Burgas airport has been subject to heavy traffic following the growing tourism industry in Bulgaria and was in need of major investments to expand and handle projected passenger traffic. In June 2006, the Bulgarian Government awarded Fraport AG Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide a 35-year-long concession on both Varna and Burgas airports in return for investments exceeding €500 million.

Fraport entered into partnership with Varna-based company BM Star. The concessionaire has vowed to inject 403 million Euro in the two airports during the lifespan of the arrangement. Fraport will pay 60% of an investment of EUR 403 million over the 35-year concession. The investments will be made in new terminal facilities, vehicles and equipment

and expanding apron areas at the airports over the life of the concession

On 18 July 2012, a bomb exploded on a passenger bus transporting Israeli tourists at the Burgas Airport. The explosion killed seven people and injured thirty-two (see 2012 Burgas bus bombing).

Facilities[edit]

Terminals[edit]

In December 2011 construction work began on the new Terminal 2. The new terminal was planned to have a capacity of 2,700,000 passengers and an area of 20,000 square metres (220,000 sq ft). The new terminal building was designed so that it can be easily upgraded to further increase capacity, if necessary. Construction of the new terminal was completed in 2013, and has been operational since December 2013.[2]

Terminal 2 replaced the older Terminal 1, which was built in the 1950s and expanded in the early 1990s, and now handles all of the airport's passenger traffic. The terminal is equipped with 31 check-in counters, three boarding-card checkpoints, nine security lanes and eight departure gates. The arrivals area (divided into Schengen and non-Schengen zones) has 12 immigration stations and four baggage carousels (one 120 metres (390 ft) long and three 70 metres (230 ft) long carousels). Passenger amenities include 800 square metres (8,600 sq ft) of space dedicated to shopping and 1,220 square metres (13,100 sq ft) for food and beverage (F&B) services. There is also a 550 square metres (5,900 sq ft) outdoor courtyard.

Runway[edit]

At 3,200 metres (10,500 ft), Burgas Airport has the fourth longest runway in the Balkans, after Athens Airport, Sofia Airport and Belgrade Airport.

On 31 October 2016, reconstruction and rehabilitation of taxiways began at Burgas airport. The project includes a complete rehabilitation of 3,500 square meters of taxiway "H", complete rehabilitation of taxiway "A", as well as area adjacent to the runway holding point. The control and monitoring system for airfield lighting and approach light equipment will be replaced. The total investment of Fraport Twin Star Airport Management in these projects is over BGN 12 million.[3][4]

Airlines and destinations[edit]

The following airlines operate regular scheduled and charter flights at Burgas Airport:[5]

Airlines Destinations

Aer Lingus Seasonal: Dublin

Aeroflot Seasonal: Moscow–Sheremetyevo[6]

airBaltic Seasonal charter: Riga[7]

Animawings Seasonal: Cluj-Napoca

Arkia Seasonal: Tel Aviv[8]

Belavia[9] Seasonal charter: Brest, Gomel, Grodno, Minsk, Mogilev, Vitebsk

BH Air Seasonal: Aberdeen, Belfast–International, Billund, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Copenhagen, Doncaster/Sheffield, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Humberside, Leeds/Bradford, London–Gatwick, London–Stansted, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Norwich, Teesside[10]

Seasonal charter: Bergen,[11] Harstad/Narvik,[12] Nur-Sultan, Oulu,[13] Stockholm–Arlanda,[14] Trondheim[11]

Blue Air Seasonal: Cluj-Napoca[15]
Bulgaria Air Seasonal: Moscow–Sheremetyevo,[16] Sofia, Tel Aviv
Seasonal charter: Bratislava, Košice, Prague
Buzz Seasonal charter: Kraków[17]
Corendon Dutch Airlines Seasonal: Amsterdam, Brussels, Maastricht/Aachen[18]
easyJet Seasonal: Berlin,[19] London–Gatwick[20]
Enter Air[17] Seasonal charter: Bydgoszcz, Gdańsk, Katowice, Łódź, Lublin,[17] Rzeszów, Szczecin,[17] Warsaw–Chopin, Warsaw–Modlin, Wrocław
European Air Charter Seasonal charter: Basel/Mulhouse,[21] Berlin,[21] Bratislava, Cologne/Bonn,[21] Dresden,[21] Düsseldorf,[21] Erfurt/Weimar,[21] Frankfurt,[21] Graz,[21] Hamburg,[21] Hannover,[21] Katowice,[22] Košice, Leipzig/Halle,[21] Linz,[21] Munich,[21] Nuremberg,[21] Poznań,[22] Prague, Rzeszów,[23] Salzburg,[24] Stuttgart,[21] Tel Aviv,[25] Vienna,[24] Warsaw–Chopin,[22] Wrocław,[22] Yerevan
Eurowings Seasonal: Düsseldorf,[26] Hamburg, Stuttgart
Freebird Airlines Seasonal charter: Leipzig/Halle[27]
GetJet Airlines Seasonal charter: Vilnius[28]
GullivAir Sofia[29]
Holiday Europe Seasonal charter: Vilnius[30]
Jet2.com Seasonal: Belfast–International, Birmingham, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds/Bradford, London–Stansted, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne
LOT Polish Airlines Seasonal: Gdańsk,[31] Katowice,[32] Poznań,[33] Rzeszów,[34] Warsaw–Chopin,[35] Wrocław[36]
Luxair Seasonal: Luxembourg
Norwegian Air Shuttle Seasonal: Copenhagen, Helsinki, Oslo, Stockholm–Arlanda
Seasonal charter: Stavanger[11]
Novair Seasonal charter: Oslo[12]
Rossiya Seasonal: Saint Petersburg
Ryanair Seasonal: Bratislava, Budapest,[37] Gdańsk,[38] Kraków, Vienna, Warsaw–Modlin[39]
S7 Airlines Moscow–Domodedovo
SkyUp[40] Seasonal: Kharkiv, Kyiv–Boryspil, Lviv, Zaporizhzhia[41]
SmartLynx Airlines Seasonal charter: Riga,[28] Tallinn[28]
Smartwings Seasonal: Bratislava, Brno, Katowice,[42] Košice, Ostrava, Prague, Warsaw–Chopin[43]
Seasonal charter: Gdańsk,[43] Pardubice, Poprad, Sliač
Sunclass Airlines Seasonal charter: Helsinki,[44] Oslo[45]
TUI Airways[46] Seasonal: Belfast–International, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Doncaster/Sheffield, London–Gatwick, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne
Seasonal charter: Dublin (resumes 16 May 2022)[47]
TUI fly Belgium Seasonal: Brussels, Ostend/Bruges
Seasonal charter: Lille,[48] Lyon,[48] Nantes,[48] Paris–Charles de Gaulle[48][49]
TUI fly Netherlands Seasonal: Amsterdam
TUI fly Nordic Seasonal charter: Gothenburg,[50] Stockholm–Arlanda[51]

Ural Airlines Seasonal: Moscow–Zhukovsky, Yekaterinburg
Voyage Air Seasonal: Bremen[52]
Windrose Airlines Seasonal: Dnipropetrovsk,[53] Kyiv–Boryspil, Vinnytsia[54]
Wizz Air London–Luton
Seasonal: Budapest, Doncaster/Sheffield,[55] Dortmund,[56] Eindhoven,[57] Gdańsk,[58]
Katowice, Kyiv–Zhuliany,[59] Liverpool, [60] Lublin,[61] Poznań,[62] Tel Aviv,[63] Turku
(begins 15 June 2022),[64] Vienna, Warsaw–Chopin, Wrocław[65]
Statistics[edit]
Traffic[edit]
See source Wikidata query and sources.
Traffic at Burgas Airport
Year Domestic
passengers Change International
passengers Change Total
passengers Change Cargo
(tonnes) Change Aircraft
movements Change
1998
16,020
417,004
433,024
6,092
1999
14,734
8%
324,563
22%
339,297
21.6%
5,722
6.1%
2000
8,964
39.2%
389,051
19.9%
398,015
17.3%
73
5,224
8.7%
2001
1,993

77.8%
592,403
52.3%
594,396
49.3%
161
120.5%
5,633
7.8%
2002
1,882
5.6%
765,594
29.2%
767,476
29.1%
925
474.5%
6,515
15.6%
2003
1,858
1.3%
1,024,179
33.8%
1,026,037
33.7%
635
31.4%
8,136
24.8%
2004
2,621
41.1%
1,339,552
30.8%
1,342,173
30.8%
899
41.6%
10,692
31.4%
2005

2,232
14.8%
1,553,398
16%
1,555,603
16%
122
86.4%
11,842
10.7%
2006
1,504
32.6%
1,706,695
9.9%
1,708,199
9.8%
405
232.0%
13,364
12.8%
2007
11,346
654.4%
1,926,279
12.9%
1,937,625
13.4%
2,051
406.4%
13,606
1.8%
2008
15,061
32.7%
1,905,562
1.1%
1,920,623
0.8%
1,338
34.8%
13,794
1.4%

2009

12,450

17.3%

1,671,336

12.3%

1,683,786

12.3%

2,597

94.1%

11,956

13.3%

2010

14,273

14.6%

1,858,345

11.2%

1,872,618

11.2%

5,654

117.7%

13,774

15.2%

2011

77,789

445%

2,151,256

21.2%

2,229,045

19%

5,991

6.0%

19,215

19%

2012

69,244

11%

2,287,621

6.3%

2,356,865

5.7%

2,281

61.9%

16,961

11.7%
2013
44,780
34.3%
2,416,868
2.5%
2,461,648
4.4%
2,625
15.1%
18,008
6.2%
2014
36,589
18.3%
2,485,730
2.8%
2,522,319
2.6%
5,354
104.0%
18,869
0.8%
2015
30,376
17%
2,329,944
7.3%
2,360,320
6.7%
13,272
147.9%
18,271
4.3%
2016
21,104
30.5%[66]
2,857,779
22.7%
2,878,883
22.0%
10,877
18.0%

20,873
14.2%
2017[67]
21,537
2.1%
2,960,802
2.9%
2,982,339
3.6%
14,300
31.5%
21,466
2.8%
2018[68]
19,930
7.5%
3,257,299
10.0%
3,277,229
9.9%
8,429
41.1%
23,284
8.5%
2019
25,015
25.5%
2,860,761
12.7%
2,885,776
12.0%
4,747
43.7%
19,954
14.3%
2020[69]
424,252
85.3%
3,889
18.1%
4,079
79.6%
2021 (01.01-31.03)[70]

3,814

85.2%

1,027

3.2%

212

32.3%

[Ground transportation](#)[\[edit\]](#)

[Bus](#)[\[edit\]](#)

Line No 15 (bus-stop: located at the entrance of the airport area).Initial and final bus stops in Burgas – Burgas bus station "South".[\[71\]](#)

[Taxi](#)[\[edit\]](#)

The Taxi Piazza is located in front of the Arrivals Terminal at Burgas Airport. A taxi ride from Burgas Airport to the city takes approximately 15 minutes, depending on the traffic intensity.[\[72\]](#)

[Parking](#)[\[edit\]](#)

Passengers and guests arriving at Burgas Airport with their personal car can use the commercially available parking lot, located in the immediate vicinity of the main terminal building. The parking lot has 199 car spaces available and is accessible 24 hours a day.[\[73\]](#)

[Incidents and accidents](#)[\[edit\]](#)

On 18 July 2012, an attack at Burgas Airport occurred. A suicide bomber boarded a bus which was transporting Israeli citizens to the Bulgarian resort of Sunny Beach located in Burgas, the perpetrator detonated the bomb killing six civilians (and one suicide bomber) as well as injuring 32 people. The attack resulted in the closure of Burgas Airport for over 30 hours, resulting in the majority of flights diverting to Varna Airport.[\[74\]](#)[\[75\]](#)

[See also](#)[\[edit\]](#)

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[List of airlines of Bulgaria](#)

[List of the busiest airports in Europe](#)

[2012 Burgas bus bombing](#)