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Wizz Air Gatwick - Bucharest New Route

Wizz Air will launch its first flight from Gatwick on 18th June 2016 to the Romanian capital Bucharest with a daily evening service. It will still continue to offer three daily services from Luton to Bucharest.

Hainan Airlines New Route

Manchester to Beijing services will start on 10th June 2016. Beijing Capital Airlines which is a subsidiary of Hainan Airlines will fly twice-weekly from 19th July, 2016 on Saturdays to Beijing and on Tuesdays to Shanghai. The Shanghai flight operates to Hangzhou airport, which is about 2 hours from Shanghai. Hainan Airlines is China's fourth largest carrier.

Alitalia flights from Rome to Beijing

On the 18th July, 2016 Alitalia will begin flights from Rome Fiumicino to Beijing, four times a week with connecting services from Heathrow. Flights will be operate on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Finnair launches flights to China and Asia via Helsinki

Finnair has launched flights from Edinburgh to Helsinki offering quick connections on the China and elsewhere in Asia. The airline will offer 77 flights a week to Asia from Helsinki this summer.

*** Virgin's new Azuma trains**

The new Virgin Azuma trains will increase capacity into Kings Cross by 28 per cent, with 65 trains providing an extra 12,000 seats. The trains are faster because they can accelerate more quickly to get to 125mph – reducing London to Edinburgh East Coast journey times by up to 22 minutes and potential is being investigated to enable 140mph.

Features include faster and free wifi, power sockets for every seat, more overhead luggage space and extra leg room as well as ergonomically designed seats in both first and standard classes. They are manufactured in County Durham by Hitachi and are claimed to be lighter and more energy efficient, making them some of the most environmental and friendly in the uk. They will also have an onboard shop for passengers. Existing rolling stock are being re-fitted from this month (May 2016) and will increase the frequency between London and Edinburgh.

US Embassy in London - Changes ahead

Plans are being submitted to Westminster Council this month (May 2016) to convert London's US Grade II listed embassy into a 137-room five-star luxury hotel with spa and a ballroom for up to 1000 people. There will also be six high-end shops and restaurants in the plans. The embassy will become empty next year when American diplomats and staff move to their new London base at Nine Elms next year. Qatari Diar has promised to demolish the security barriers and bollards restoring Grosvenor Square to its former glory as an open, expansive green space for residents and visitors to enjoy.

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