



**British Airways to resume KIX-London flights for first time in 20 years**  
**- Nonstop service on the route for first time in 10 years -**

Kansai Airports is pleased to announce British Airways will offer four weekly flights between Kansai International Airport (KIX) and London, beginning April 1, 2019—a resumption of service after 20 years absence since 1998. This will provide direct connectivity from KIX to London for the first time in 10 years since Japan Airlines suspended its service in 2009. (This route will be a code share operation by British Airways and Japan Airlines)

Direct flights to London were pursued for many years by NKIAC<sup>1</sup> together with the business community, local governments and travel industry in the Kansai region. This effort has been passed on to Kansai Airports ever since it took over the airport operations in April 2016, in the form of a concession (grant of rights to operate government property) by Orix and VINCI. Marketing and promotional efforts have been stepped up utilizing our global aviation expertise. And finally, all of the efforts have borne fruit. We would like to thank all involved for their efforts in making this possible.

Foreign visitors to Japan from the UK doubled from 150,000 in 2011 to 310,000 in 2017. With Kansai set to host a series of international events such as next year's Rugby World Cup and G20 Osaka Summit, and 2021 World Masters Games Osaka, further demand for air travel from the UK and Europe is expected. The new flight service to London—the financial center of Europe and a popular tourist destination for Japanese—will cater to the outbound demand of both business and leisure travelers from Japan as well as help revitalize the economy in Kansai.

Kansai Airports will continue to offer a wide range of flight options including long-haul routes answering to customer needs as well as providing comfortable and enjoyable experience for all our passengers.

<sup>1</sup>New Kansai International Airport Company, former airport operator

○ Date of Launch: Monday, April 1, 2019 ※Departure from London (LHR) on Sunday March 31, 2019

○ Flight Schedule

Destination	Flight No.	Schedule (local time)	Frequency
London (Heathrow)	BA020	Kansai (11:30) → London (15:50)	Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat
	BA019	London (14:20) → Kansai (09:50 <sup>+1</sup> )	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun

\*The above schedule may be subject to change.

○ Aircraft Specification

Model: B787-8

Business class:	35 seats
Premium economy class:	25 seats
Economy class:	154 seats
Total:	214 seats



Image Source: British Airways

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**KANSAI AIRPORTS**



Kansai Airports was established by a consortium made up of VINCI Airports and ORIX Corporation as its core members. Kansai Airports took over the operations of Kansai International Airport ("KIX") and Osaka International Airport ("ITAMI") from New Kansai International Airport Company ("NKIAC") and has been operating the two airports since April 1, 2016.

Kansai Airports Kobe, Kansai Airports' wholly-owned subsidiary, took over the operations of Kobe Airport ("KOBÉ") from Kobe City and started its business as an operating company on April 1, 2018.

Under the concept of "One Kansai Airports Group", Kansai Airports group strives to continuously improve its services for all airport guests through appropriate investments and efficient operations, with safety and security being the top priority. Kansai Airports group aims to maximize the potential of the three airports, for the benefit of the communities they serve.

For more information, please visit : [www.kansai-airports.co.jp/en/](http://www.kansai-airports.co.jp/en/)

## Kansai Airports

Location	1-banchi, Senshu-kuko kita, Izumisano-shi, Osaka	Shareholders	ORIX 40%, VINCI Airports 40%, Other investors 20% <sup>1</sup>
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO: Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Emmanuel Menanteau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kansai International Airport and Osaka International Airport		

## Kansai Airports Kobe

Location	1-ban, Kobe-kuko, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo	Shareholder	Kansai Airports 100%
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO: Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Emmanuel Menanteau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kobe Airport		



ORIX Corporation (TSE: 8591; NYSE: IX) is an opportunistic, diversified, innovation-driven global powerhouse with a proven track record of profitability. Established in 1964, ORIX at present operates a diverse portfolio of businesses in the operations, financial services, and investment spaces. ORIX's highly complementary business activities span industries including: energy, private equity, infrastructure, automotive, ship and aircraft, real estate and retail financial services. ORIX has also spread its business globally by establishing locations in a total of 38 countries and regions across the world. Through its business activities, ORIX has long been committed to corporate citizenship and environmental sustainability. For more details, please visit our website: <http://www.orix.co.jp/grp/en/>



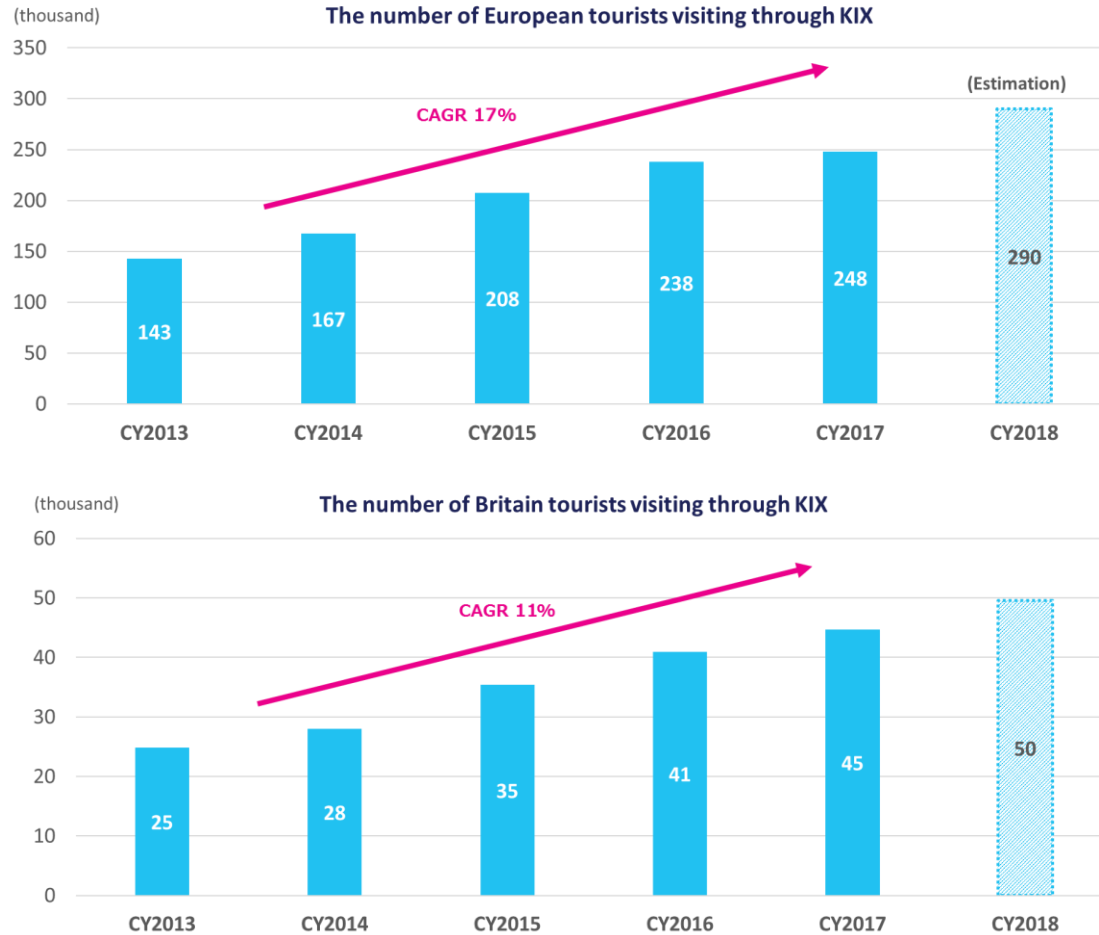
VINCI Airports, a top 5 global player in the international airport sector, manages the development and operations of 36 airports located in France, Portugal (including the hub of Lisbon), Cambodia, Japan, Dominican Republic, Chile and Brazil. Served by more than 200 airlines, VINCI Airports' network handled 156.6 million passengers in 2017.

Through its expertise as a comprehensive integrator and the professionalism of its 12,000 employees, VINCI Airports develops, finances, builds and operates airports, leveraging its investment capability, international network and know-how to optimize the management and performance of existing airport infrastructure, facility extensions and new construction. In 2017, its annual revenue for managed activities amounted to €3.2 bn, for a consolidated revenue of €1.4 bn.

More comprehensive information is available on [www.vinci-airports.com](http://www.vinci-airports.com)

<sup>1</sup> ASICS Corporation; Iwatani Corporation; Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.; Obayashi Corporation; OMRON Corporation; The Kansai Electric Power Company, Incorporated; Kintetsu Group Holding Co., Ltd.; Keihan Holdings Co., Ltd.; Suntory Holdings Limited; JTB Corp.; Sekisui House, Ltd.; Daikin Industries, Ltd.; Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd.; Takenaka Corporation; Nankai Electric Railway Co., Ltd.; NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WEST CORPORATION; Panasonic Corporation; Hankyu Hanshin Holdings, Inc.; Rengo Co., Ltd.; The Senshu Ikeda Bank, Ltd.; Kiyo Holdings, Inc.; The Bank of Kyoto, Ltd.; THE SHIGA BANK, LTD.; The Nanto Bank, Ltd.; Nippon Life Insurance Company; Mizuho Bank, Ltd.; Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited; MUFG Bank, Ltd.; Resona Bank, Limited; and the Private Finance Initiative Promotion Corporation of Japan.

# Number of European tourists visiting Osaka is increasing

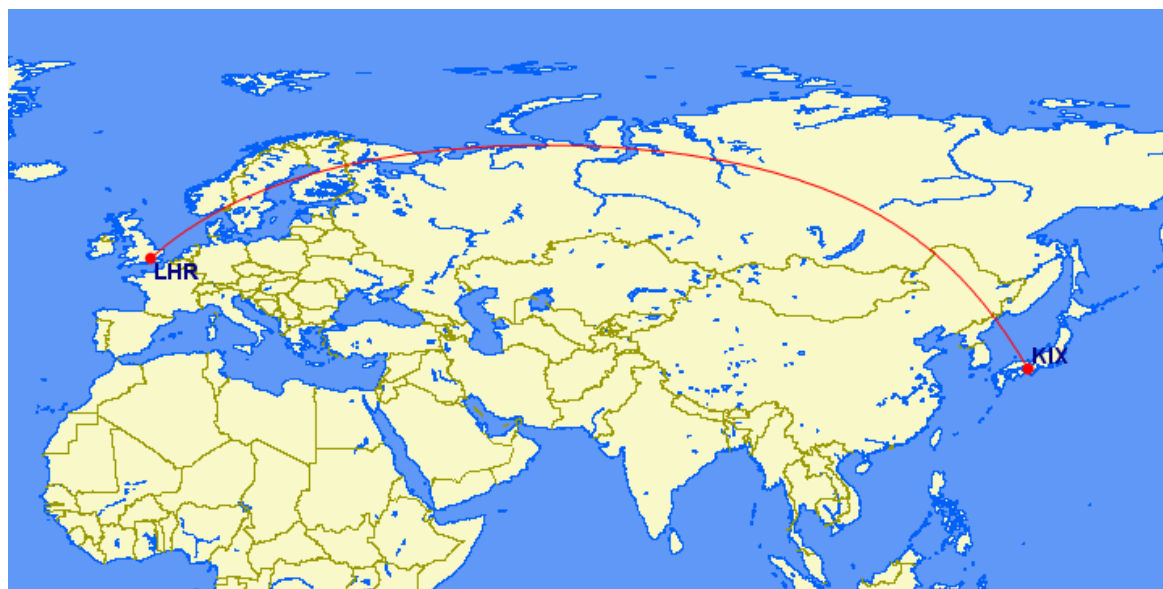


Data source: Immigration Bureau

- Number of European tourist is gradually growing every year and doubled in these 5 year.
- Attractive events such as World Rugby 2019, Olympic and Palarinpic games are upcoming. These events will be a driving force to attract more tourists.

# British Airways KIX-LHR service

We are delighted to welcome British airways' KIX-LHR route, which has the highest demand in our unserved route.



Start April 1, 2019

## Flight Schedule

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The service will be year-round, winter details to be announced later

# Long Haul route at KIX is expanding

- Due to high recovery of Japanese tourists and high growth of European tourist, seat capacity between KIX and Europe is drastically growing in these few years.
- Not only the Osaka-Europe market, we are also welcoming many long-haul flights from US, Australia, etc.

## Recent activities

Date	AL	Destination		
2016.11	NZ	AKL	New Launch	Oceania route
2017.6	D7	HNL	New Launch	
2017.12	QF	SYD	New Launch	
2017.12	TR	HNL	New Launch	Europe route
2018.1	LHcargo	FRA	New Launch (Cargo)	North America route
2018.4	AY	HEL	Starting daily operation, 5→7/w	
2018.1	EK	DXB	Introducing an A380	
2019.3	JL	LAX	B788→B789	
2019.4	BA	LHR	New Launch	
2019.4	DL	SEA	New Launch	
2019.4	AY	HEL	Increased to 10 weekly flights	
2019.5	AC	YVR	Changing to mainline	