



Press Release

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Take off to Belfast from Gloucestershire Airport

Manx2.com have announced a new Belfast City route from Gloucestershire Airport, Staverton, to commence on 6th September. This route expands their current services from Gloucestershire Airport to the Isle of Man and Jersey. Fares start from £79.95 including taxes and charges, and are available now from www.manx2.com.

The three weekly flights via the Isle of Man land at Belfast City Airport, only ten minutes outside of the bustling, cosmopolitan city centre. Belfast is a vibrant and cultural city, packed full of lively bars and restaurants. However, the history of the city is still very much in evidence. Its 'quarters' offer a glimpse of how Belfast was before the huge growth it has experienced, the most notable of which is the Titanic Quarter, home to the old shipyards of Harland and Wolff. The RMS Titanic was built there and next year is the 100th anniversary of its maiden voyage. The whole area is undergoing huge regeneration in the run up to 2012 costing £7 billion, making it twice the size of Canary Wharf in London.

Airport management hopes that Belfast will appeal as a destination to both business and leisure passengers alike. Head of Operations, Darren Lewington, said: 'We are delighted that Manx2 are offering this new destination from Gloucester. Belfast is an exciting place to visit, and we hope that people will take advantage of our good transport links, easy check-in and free parking to experience it for themselves.'

Chairman of Manx2.com Noel Hayes said: 'Belfast is one of my favourite cities to visit and is perfect for both short breaks and longer holidays where you can explore more of Northern Ireland. Flying from Gloucestershire Airport couldn't be easier – departures are hassle free, particularly with the availability of free parking. Book now at Manx2.com.'

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Manx2.com is an Isle of Man-based company selling tickets for flights operating between the Isle of Man and Blackpool, Belfast, Leeds Bradford, Newcastle, Gloucester and Anglesey. It also has a contract with the Welsh Government to provide flights between Cardiff and Anglesey with partner carrier FLM Aviation. Manx2.com and its partners employ 60 staff on the island and carry around 100,000 passengers every year. It has been voted the Island's best small company twice in three years at the annual IOM Newspapers Excellence Awards and in October 2010 Manx2.com topped a poll of air travel providers, to and from the Island, for giving the best service in an independent survey by Isle of Man Newspapers.