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# **The New Zvartnots Airport Connects The United Kingdom With Armenia With Three Flights Weekly**

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- Airline British Airways Bets on Armenia as a New Business and Tourist Destination

- The Airport has over 60 International Routes, and is Used by Airlines Such as Air France and Lufthansa, Among Others

The new Zvartnots international airport in Yerevan was recently inaugurated with the aim of becoming a business and tourism hub between Europe and Asia, a bridge between two cultures as diverse as the West and the East. Armenia is currently one of the most promising countries in the Caucasus region. In addition to its strategic location, its economy has been experiencing spectacular growth in recent years, giving rise to numerous business opportunities. It also has a rich cultural and historical legacy which makes it one of the most promising tourist destinations in the area.

All of these facts have sparked the United Kingdom's interest and, as such, British Airways have demonstrated their strong commitment to Armenia as a new destination. The company has begun operating three flights weekly between London and Yerevan in response to high demand for the route.

Since its inauguration in May, the airport has been operating over 60 routes with destinations as attractive as Paris, Munich, Athens, Beirut, Istanbul, Vienna, Moscow, Frankfurt, Amsterdam and Dubai, among many others. Some of the most renowned airlines operate in the facility, such as Air France, Lufthansa, Aeroflot (Russia), Austrian Airlines and Czech Airlines. The aerodrome is expected to handle over 2 million passengers in 2007.

According to Marcelo Wende, General Manager for Armenia International Airport, the company in charge of the facility, "by opening this airport we are bringing a country experiencing spectacular growth closer to the world. That's how the United Kingdom has viewed it, which is demonstrated by the decision of an airline as important as British Airways to dedicate part of its fleet for daily flights to Armenia. Zvartnots currently connects with London, but we are certain that in a few months it will be possible to fly to other British cities." Armenia International Airport