

London City Airport launches flights to Bergerac

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The journey would take 12 hours in this vintage Citroen 2CV but is two and a half hours via the new British Airways route from Royal Docks

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A French icon has made a flying visit to [London City Airport](#) to celebrate the launch of British Airways flights to Bergerac.

A vintage Citroen 2CV gave passengers at London City Airport a taste of France before they boarded the first plane from Docklands to the wine-making region of Dordogne.

British Airways' performance managers Rafael Gallardo and Kristina Phillips and cabin crew member Lucy Barnett were behind the wheel of the 30-year old classic car, which bore the flight number of the new route, BA8745.

It would take more than 12 hours to drive the route but the flights, which launched on Monday, May 1, take two and a half hours, making it the quickest journey yet between the London and Bergerac.

British Airways' general manager commercial and customer at London City Luke Hayhoe said: "The Dordogne epitomises the French rural escape – castles, heritage, rolling hills, vineyards, food markets, gastronomy and wine.

"We launched the new route with a guest appearance from the Citroen as we wanted to evoke that sense of adventure and bring a bit of Bergerac to London City."

The summer only flights will operate from London City to Bergerac on Mondays at 11.15am, with the return flight at 1.50pm, on Fridays at 9.30am with the return flight at 12.15pm and on Sundays at 5.10pm with the return flight at 7.45pm

From Thursday, June 23-September 1 there will be an additional flight on Thursdays, departing at 11.15am, with the return flight at 1.50pm.

The airport's chief commercial officer Matthew Hall said: "The seasonal service builds on our existing French routes and provides greater choice for those planning a long weekend of exploration or a short break in vineyard country."

Each way hand baggage only fares are available from £57 at [ba.com](#)

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