

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
Form 6-K
August 06, 2009

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of August 2009

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office
Dublin Airport
County Dublin Ireland**
(Address of principal executive offices)

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**CSO
confirms
continuing slump
in visitor figures
since
Irish Government's
€10 tourist tax
introduced
Ryanair calls on Government to scrap
€10 tourist tax now**

Ryanair
, the World's favourite airline,
today (
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Aug 09
) welcomed the CSO June
traffic figures which confirm that
114
,000
(15
%)
fewer
visitors
travelled
to Ireland

in June
as the
Government's €10
tourist tax
continues to devastate Irish tourism
. Ryanair

's traffic
in June
grew by 13
%,
, more than

670
,000
new
passengers, which disproves the Governments false claim that that this decline is due to the recession.

Ryanair
warned that unless the
Irish Government's
€10 tourist tax is scrapped,
then
the fall in
Irish
visitor numbers
will worsen next winter
, as more flights
, routes
and services are cut from
Dublin
,
Cork
and
Shannon Airports
.

**Ryanair's
Daniel de Carvalho
said:**

"
*CSO figures
show a 15%

drop in visitor numbers
in June. The loss of these 114
,000
visitors confirms
that the collapse in
Irish tourism
is accelerating as the
Irish Government's €10 tourist
tax makes
Ireland
an uncompetitive tourist market.*

"

In recent months the Belgian, Dutch, Greek and Spanish governments have all scrapped tourist taxes and/or reduced airport charges to zero in order to stimulate tourism.

Ryanair has expanded in these countries including our recent announcement of 43 new routes to/from Spain this winter.

*The
Irish
Government cannot grow
Irish
tourism by taxing it*

*. We
must scrap this stupid
€10 tourist tax
and start welcoming visitors
, not tax
ing
them
"*

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Ends.

Thursday 6
th

August
2009

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 06 August 2009

By: ___/s/ Juliusz Komorek___

Juliusz Komorek
Company Secretary