Press Release

lastminute.com launches MCP Server for Flights
as first step in multi-year AI infrastructure roadmap

20 January 2026 - lastminute.com today announced the launch of its first Model Context Protocol (MCP) Server for Flights. This marks the first execution step of a multi-year AI infrastructure roadmap, which will see the company build a series of systems (including servers for Hotels and Dynamic Packaging to enable secure, structured AI access to its core travel data).

This foundational layer directly supports the Group's 3-year strategic plan by enabling seamless, intelligent, AI-powered travel experiences grounded in proprietary data and real-time availability, moving beyond generic recommendations in response to increasing consumer adoption of AI-driven trip planning.

Built entirely in-house, the MCP Server provides secure, structured, API-level access for LLMs, such as Claude, to lastminute.com's flight inventory with the company owning direct control over how AI interacts with its data. The immediate, tangible benefits for travellers include real-time access to live options and better-value lastminute.com-optimised combinations.

CEO of lastminute.com, Alessandro Petazzi, said: *"This announcement is a direct and tangible result of our multi-year AI roadmap execution and demonstrates our commitment to investing in foundational infrastructure. The era of 'agentic' travel is upon us and we believe AI will fundamentally reshape how people plan and book travel. Making our core data accessible to AI models in a secure, structured way, will enable a more tailored service for customers."*

Executing a multi-year AI infrastructure plan

AI, alongside scalability, is a core enabler of the Group's four strategic pillars and supports execution of the 3-year plan. The Flight MCP Server is the first of a structured sequence of deployments, as owning the underlying data infrastructure is a deliberate step in the Group's evolution. This infrastructure-first approach is designed to scale across brands and geographies, reinforcing lastminute.com's position as a long-term AI-native travel platform.

Petazzi added: *"There's significant debate and noise about how AI will impact OTAs. Our response is deliberate: we're treating AI as a strategic asset to improve both customer experience and our own operational efficiency. Ultimately, we believe long-term OTA relevance in an AI-native landscape depends on building platforms that are inherently AI-friendly, and the news we're communicating today represents a clear step in that direction."*

As AI-driven interfaces increasingly simplify access to commoditised travel products, lastminute.com is focused on being uniquely positioned to offer access to proprietary, dynamically packaged travel products, combining flights, hotels, and ancillaries in ways that maximise value for customers and reinforce long-term differentiation.

From Flights to Hotels

The Flight MCP Server is already live and listed on the Anthropic Marketplace, where developers can begin experimentation. Future MCP Servers, including our upcoming Hotel and Dynamic Packages MCP servers, will extend this foundational access to hotel search, dynamic packaging, and other core services.

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Notes to Editors
MCP Servers
An MCP Server (Model Context Protocol Server) is a backend service that lets AI models securely connect to and use real-world tools, data, and other resources, acting like a universal adapter for AI to get context and perform actions beyond just generating text, making AI agents more capable and grounded. It standardises how AI communicates with these external systems, so the AI doesn't need custom code for each tool.

About lastminute.com

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