

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes ..... No ..X..

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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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th  
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  
"*

Ends.

Thursday 6  
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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