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Norwegian reports strong passenger growth in September

Norwegian reported strong passenger growth as it carried almost 3.5 million passengers in September. The total number of passengers increased by 9 percent compared to the same month previous year.

Norwegian carried 3,446,854 passengers in September, an increase of 281,823 passengers (9 percent) compared to the same month last year. The total traffic growth (RPK) increased by 31 percent this month, driven by a 32 percent capacity growth (ASK). The load factor was 88.8 percent on the entire route network and 92.4 percent on Norwegian's long-haul routes.

In general, the yield development is positive, but is negatively affected by the Swedish passenger tax and the fact that company operates more longer flights than the same time previous year. As the revenue per passenger kilometer is lower on longer flights, the company's total yield falls as the share of long-haul flights increases.

In September, The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) named Norwegian the most fuel-efficient airline on transatlantic routes for the second time. <https://media.uk.norwegian.com/pressreleases/norwegian-named-most-fuel-efficient-airline-on-transatlantic-routes-for-a-second-time-2689334>

“We are very pleased that an increasing number of passengers choose Norwegian for their travels, especially business passengers. I'd particularly like to point out our long-haul routes where the demand is high and continues to increase. The recognition from ICCT is truly the highest form of industry praise and proves that our investment in brand new planes reduce our environmental footprint. New aircraft is win-win for our customers, the environment and the company,” said CEO Bjørn Kjos of Norwegian.

Norwegian operated 99.4 percent of the scheduled flights in September, whereof 80.2 percent departed on time, up 2.3 percentage points compared to the same month last year.

Norwegian's fleet renewal program continues in 2018. The company took delivery of two Boeing 737 MAX 8 and one Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner this month. In total, Norwegian will take delivery of 11 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners, 12 Boeing 737 MAX 8 and two Boeing 737-800 aircraft this year. With an average age of only 3.7 years, Norwegian's fleet is one of the world's “greenest” and most modern. The single most important action an airline can take to reduce its environmental footprint, is to invest in new aircraft and new technology.

Please find traffic figures report in the attached pdf.

Norwegian in the UK and Ireland:

- Norwegian carries **5.8 million UK passengers each year** from

London Gatwick, Edinburgh and Manchester Airports to **50 destinations worldwide**

- Norwegian is the **third largest airline at London Gatwick**, with 4.6 million yearly passengers, and with more than 1,000 UK-based pilots and cabin crew
- In 2014, Norwegian introduced the **UK's first low-cost, long haul flights to the U.S.** - the airline now flies to 11 U.S destinations, Buenos Aires and Singapore
- In 2017, Norwegian also launched **affordable transatlantic flights from Edinburgh, Belfast, Dublin, Cork and Shannon** to the US East Coast, using the brand new Boeing 737 MAX aircraft
- Norwegian is the only airline to offer **free inflight WiFi** on UK flights to more than 30 European destinations
- The airline has one of the **youngest aircraft fleets in the world** with an average age of 3.7 years, including next-generation Boeing 787 Dreamliner, Boeing 737 MAX and Boeing 737-800s
- Norwegian has been **voted 'Europe's best low-cost carrier' by passengers** for six consecutive years at SkyTrax World Airline Awards from 2013-2018, along with being awarded the **'World's best low-cost long-haul airline'** in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018
- Norwegian Reward is the airline's free to join **award-winning loyalty programme** offering members CashPoints and Rewards that reduce the cost of Norwegian flights

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