

Aircraft Operator Award



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Norwegian Air International wins Aircraft Operator Award at Aviation Industry Awards 2016

Low-cost airline Norwegian continues its climb in Ireland by receiving the Aircraft Operator Award at the 2016 Aviation Industry Awards in Dublin.

The Aviation Industry Awards recognises excellence in the Irish and International Aviation industry with Norwegian Air International (NAI) voted Aircraft Operator of the year by an independent panel of judges consisted of renowned aviation industry experts.

Norwegian Air International is the Irish subsidiary of Europe's third largest airline, Norwegian, and is based in Dublin with more than 2,500 staff representing the company. NAI has now [received its long awaited foreign air carrier permit](#) to operate direct flights to the US, which will unlock the door to further new routes and growth in Ireland. In the past year alone, NAI has grown from operating nine Boeing 737-800 aircraft to 44, carrying nearly 9 million passengers to destinations around Europe.

Tore Jensen, CEO of Norwegian Air International said: "This award is an outstanding achievement and recognition of our commitment to high standards in service, safety and our growing operation in Ireland. We have just received our long overdue permission to fly to the US and we are now actively planning our first transatlantic flights from Ireland to give customers more choice and greater value. We will be operating even more brand new aircraft next year so with this in mind, Ireland will continue to receive the highest quality low-cost flights in comfort."

Norwegian was awarded two World Travel Awards in 2016 and was named the 'World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul Airline' for the second consecutive year and 'Best Low-Cost Airline in Europe' for the fourth year in a row at the renowned *Skytrax World Airline Awards*.

The airline has [outlined its full plans](#) for Irish transatlantic routes, which will be revealed in early 2017 with the first flights launching next summer.

Norwegian in the UK:

- Norwegian first launched UK flights in 2003 and now operates from London Gatwick, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Manchester Airports to more than **40 destinations worldwide**
- Norwegian is the **third largest airline at London Gatwick**, with 3.9 million yearly passengers, and with more than 700 pilots, cabin crew and staff working from its Gatwick base
- In 2014, Norwegian introduced the **UK's first low-cost, long haul flights to the U.S.** - the airline now flies to 8 U.S destinations with fares from just £135 one way
- 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 3.6 years, including next-generation Boeing 787 Dreamliners and Boeing 737-800s

- Norwegian has been **voted 'Europe's best low-cost carrier' by passengers** for four consecutive years at SkyTrax World Airline Awards from 2013-2016, along with being awarded the **'World's best low-cost long-haul airline'** in both 2015 and 2016

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