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Norwegian carries two million passengers in August

In the final weeks of the summer holidays Norwegian flew two million passengers to their destinations. Regularity was almost 100 percent, and the load factor was close to 86 percent.

“August marks the end of summer and the month marked another strong performance for Norwegian. We operated our planned programme and flew close to all scheduled flights. We are particularly happy that bookings into autumn are encouraging and that business travellers are returning”, said Geir Karlsen, CEO of Norwegian.

Norwegian flew 1,996,211 passengers in August, compared to 790,220 in August 2021. The load factor in August was 85.5 percent. The capacity (ASK) was 2,998 million seat kilometres, while actual passenger traffic (RPK) was 2,563 million seat kilometres. In August, Norwegian operated an average of 69 aircraft and 99.7 percent of scheduled flights were completed. Punctuality, as measured by the number of flights departing within 15 minutes of scheduled time, was at 79 percent in August. However, as many as 96,5 percent of all flights arrived on schedule or no more than an hour late.

“The congestion at European airports has begun to improve, which is positive for our operations but also, importantly, to the travel experience of our customers. It is uplifting for the industry in general that we are continuing to return to normal operations after these extraordinary years for aviation,” said Geir Karlsen, CEO of Norwegian.

In August, Norwegian opened a new direct route between Trondheim and Manchester. Towards the end of August and into September, the company celebrated its 20th anniversary and launched a sale for flights this coming autumn and winter season.

See detailed traffic figures in the attached PDF

(Updated at 4.40PM: Punctuality figure corrected)

About Norwegian

The Norwegian group is a leading Nordic aviation company, headquartered at Fornebu outside Oslo, Norway. The company has over 8,200 employees and owns two of the prominent airlines in the Nordics: Norwegian Air Shuttle and Widerøe’s Flyveselskap. Widerøe was acquired by Norwegian in 2024, aiming to facilitate seamless air travel across the two airline’s networks.

Norwegian Air Shuttle, the largest Norwegian airline with around 4,700 employees, operates an extensive route network connecting Nordic countries to key European destinations. In 2024, Norwegian carried 22,6 million passengers and maintained a fleet of 86 Boeing 737-800 and 737 MAX 8 aircraft.

Widerøe’s Flyveselskap, Norway’s oldest airline, is Scandinavia’s largest

regional carrier. The airline has more than 3,500 employees. Mainly operating the short-runway airports in rural Norway, Widerøe operates several state contract routes (PSO routes) in addition to its own commercial network. In 2024, the airline had 3.8 million passengers and a fleet of 49 aircraft, including 46 Bombardier Dash 8's and three Embraer E190-E2's. Widerøe Ground Handling provides ground handling services at 41 Norwegian airports.

The Norwegian group has sustainability as a key priority and has committed to significantly reducing carbon emissions from its operations. Among numerous initiatives, the most noteworthy is the investment in production and use of fossil-free aviation fuel (SAF). Norwegian strives to become the sustainable choice for its passengers, actively contributing to the transformation of the aviation industry.

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