

Photo credit: David Peacock

Dec 06, 2018 07:00 GMT

Norwegian reports strong passenger growth in November

Norwegian reported strong passenger growth as it carried almost 2.9 million passengers in November, an increase of 14 percent compared to the same month previous year.

Norwegian carried 2,877,549 passengers in November, an increase of 357,329 passengers (14 percent) compared to the same month last year. The total traffic growth (RPK) increased by 26 percent this month, driven by a 34 percent capacity growth (ASK). The load factor was 78.8 percent.

The traffic figures this month are influenced by the transition from summer to winter operations, as well as the launch of several new routes and increased aircraft utilization, compared to the same month previous year. Norwegian's passengers continue to fly longer distances, which also affects this month's figures.

"I am pleased that there has been a positive development in yield this month. At the same time, several of our summer routes have been extended into November, which has affected the load factor. A full transition into the winter program will take place early next year, once the busy holiday season is behind us," said CEO Bjørn Kjos of Norwegian.

Norwegian operated 99.2 percent of the scheduled flights in November, whereof 82.5 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 one Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner and one Boeing 737 MAX 8 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

Contacts



For journalists only

Press Contact

Norwegian Press Office

press@norwegian.com

+47 815 11 816



Marketing/sponsorship requests: marketing@norwegian.com

Press Contact

Marketing/sponsorship requests: marketing@norwegian.com