

IAG traffic and capacity statistics - September 2019

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IAG traffic in September, measured in revenue passenger kilometres, increased by 0.8 per cent versus the same period last year; IAG capacity measured in available seat kilometres was flat versus the same period last year.

Group performance	Month of September			Year to date			
	2019	2018	yoy	2019	2018	yoy	
Passengers carried ('000s)	10,639	10,575	0.6%	90,448	86,241	4.9%	
Domestic Europe	2,615 5,755	2,465 5,869	6.1% -1.9%	21,442 48,309	20,139 46,846	6.5% 3.1%	
North America	1,089	1,104	-1.4%	9,536	9,162	4.1%	
Latin America & Caribbean	514	451	14.0%	4,704	3,918	20.1%	
Africa, Middle East & S, Asia	470	484	-2.9%	4,586	4,464	2.7%	
Asia Pacific	196	202	-3.0%	1,871	1,712	9.3%	
Revenue passenger km (m)	24,642	24,448	0.8%	216,607	205,044	5.6%	
Domestic	1,948	1,755	11.0%	15,691	14,264	10.0%	
Europe	6,954	7,142	-2.6%	56,535	55,264	2.3%	
North America	7,153	7,323	-2.3%	62,945	60,947	3.3%	
Latin America & Caribbean	4,374	3,807	14.9%	39,040	33,510	16.5%	
Africa, Middle East & S,Asia	2,335	2,487	-6.1%	24,466	23,947	2.2%	
Asia Pacific	1,878	1,934	-2.9%	17,930	17,112	4.8%	
Available seat km (m)	28,904	28,899	0.0%	255,749	244,344	4.7%	
Domestic	2,173	2,002	8.5%	17,878	16,696	7.1%	
Europe	8,094	8,362	-3.2%	67,476	65,644	2.8%	
North America	8,445	8,854	-4.6%	74,923	73,796	1.5%	
Latin America & Caribbean	5,053	4,496	12.4%	45,097	39,112	15.3%	
Africa, Middle East & S,Asia	2,911	2,961	-1.7%	29,433	29,028	1.4%	
Asia Pacific	2,228	2,224	0.2%	20,942	20,068	4.4%	
Passenger load factor (%)	85.3	84.6	+0.7 pts	84.7	83.9	+0.8 pts	
Domestic	89.6	87.7	+1.9 pts	87.8	85.4	+2.4 pts	
Europe	85.9	85.4	+0.5 pts	83.8	84.2	-0.4 pts	
North America	84.7	82.7	+2.0 pts	84.0	82.6	+1.4 pts	
Latin America & Caribbean	86.6	84.7	+1.9 pts	86.6	85.7	+0.9 pts	
Africa, Middle East & S,Asia	80.2	84.0	-3.8 pts	83.1	82.5	+0.6 pts	
Asia Pacific	84.3	87.0	-2.7 pts	85.6	85.3	+0.3 pts	
Cargo tonne km (m)	441	485	-9.1%	4,150	4,190	-1.0%	

^{*} Domestic includes routes within UK, Spain and Italy

Strategic developments

On 26 September IAG updated its full year 2019 operating profit guidance. At current fuel prices and exchange rates, it expects 2019 operating profit before exceptional items to be €215 million lower than 2018 pro forma (€3,485 million).

In September, BALPA (British Airways' main pilots' union) strike action scheduled initially for 9, 10 and 27 September led to 2,325 British Airways flight cancellations. The net financial impact of industrial action by BALPA is estimated to be €137 million due to flight cancellations and flexible commercial policies enabling customers to re-book or receive a refund. Additional disruption affecting British Airways in the quarter, including threatened strikes by Heathrow Airport employees, had a further net financial impact of €33 million. The latest booking trends in IAG's low cost segments (primarily Vueling and LEVEL) will have an adverse financial impact of €45 million for the year.

Capacity growth for 2019 has also been updated. In the third quarter, capacity grew by 2.8 per cent, compared with 5.2 per cent planned previously. For the fourth quarter it is now expected to be about 2 per cent, which is 1.2 points below previous guidance, and full year capacity growth is expected to be about 4 per cent, compared with 5 per cent previously.

^{*} Group figures include Openskies in 2018



Performance by airline	Month of September			Year to date			
	2019	2018	yoy	2019	2018	yoy	
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Passengers carried ('000s) Revenue passenger km (m) Available seat km (m) Passenger load factor (%) Cargo tonne km (m)	1,094 2,446 2,891 84.6 14	1,086 2,364 2,804 84.3 15	0.7% 3.5% 3.1% +0.3 pts -6.7%	9,041 19,033 23,123 82.3 124	8,774 18,047 21,943 82.2 115	3.0% 5.5% 5.4% +0.1 pts 7.8%	
Passengers carried ('000s) Revenue passenger km (m) Available seat km (m) Passenger load factor (%) Cargo tonne km (m)	3,854 12,289 14,836 82.8 320	4,192 13,128 15,752 83.3 370	-8.1% -6.4% -5.8% -0.5 pts -13.5%	36,157 117,434 140,614 83.5 3,156	35,715 115,283 139,196 82.8 3,254	1.2% 1.9% 1.0% +0.7 pts -3.0%	
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Passengers carried ('000s) Revenue passenger km (m) Available seat km (m) Passenger load factor (%) Cargo tonne km (m)	2,013 5,760 6,533 88.2 105	1,879 5,218 6,030 86.5 99	7.1% 10.4% 8.3% +1.7 pts 6.1%	16,902 48,400 55,357 87.4 861	15,751 43,763 50,893 86.0 816	7.3% 10.6% 8.8% +1.4 pts 5.5%	
■ LEVEL							
Passengers carried ('000s) Revenue passenger km (m) Available seat km (m) Passenger load factor (%) Cargo tonne km (m)	178 763 875 87.2 2	163 542 641 84.6 1	9.2% 40.8% 36.5% +2.6 pts 100.0%	1,347 5,685 6,806 83.5 9	507 2,716 3,084 88.1 3	165.7% 109.3% 120.7% -4.6 pts 200.0%	
vueling							
Passengers carried ('000s) Revenue passenger km (m) Available seat km (m) Passenger load factor (%) Cargo tonne km (m)	3,500 3,384 3,769 89.8 n/a	3,255 3,195 3,670 87.1 n/a	7.5% 5.9% 2.7% +2.7 pts n/a	27,001 26,055 29,849 87.3 n/a	25,426 24,856 28,772 86.4 n/a	6.2% 4.8% 3.7% +0.9 pts n/a	

^{*} British Airways includes BA CityFlyer; Iberia includes Iberia Express; LEVEL includes Spain, France and Austria

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