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# Norwegian Now Largest International Airline Serving New York City

**NEW YORK CITY (OCTOBER 9, 2018)** – Norwegian, the [World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul Airline](#) and [Airline of the Year 2017](#), has become the largest foreign (non-North American) airline in the New York City area, based on passenger numbers. The airline carried 1.67 million international passengers to and from three of New York City's airports according to the

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's most recent [traffic report](#), surpassing British Airways to reach the top spot.

Since the beginning of 2018, Norwegian's passenger numbers to and from New York City have grown so drastically that the airline has also overtaken Lufthansa and Emirates to reach the top spot in July. Norwegian operates 16 routes from three airports in the New York City area – John F. Kennedy International Airport, Newark Liberty International and Stewart International Airport to: Amsterdam; Barcelona; Belfast; Bergen; Copenhagen; Dublin; Edinburgh; Guadeloupe; London; Madrid; Martinique; Oslo; Paris; Rome; Shannon; and Stockholm. Norwegian launched its first route to New York on May 30, 2013 from Oslo and Stockholm on May 31, 2013.

“Data on passenger numbers released by the Port Authority New York and New Jersey truly emphasizes the strong demand for more affordable international fares, and we are excited that Norwegian flew more customers to and from New York than any other non-North American airline in the 12 months to July 2018,” said Norwegian CEO and Founder, Bjørn Kjos.

“Since our first flight to New York back in 2013, we have continued to exponentially grow our route network, delivering the award-winning combination of affordable fares and friendly service that Norwegian is known for. Our 16 routes from New York City is just a start; we see room for further expansion and will continue to increase our passenger numbers in our mission to both make travel more attainable and stimulate the local economy,” said Kjos.

In addition to a spacious Economy cabin, Norwegian offers a Premium experience on all of its Boeing 787 Dreamliners. Premium tickets include onboard meals and beverages, increased luggage allowance, up to 46” of legroom, recliner seats, and Fast Track security and lounge access, where available.

Norwegian's lowest fares to Europe can be found on its [low fare calendar](#), which displays the lowest available fares on all of the airline's routes. Passengers on all of Norwegian's routes are eligible to join [Norwegian Reward](#), the airline's award-winning frequent flyer program, and can earn CashPoints every time they fly, stay at a hotel, or drive a rental car.

Norwegian is now one of the world's most awarded low-cost airlines following previous accolades in 2018: [Most Fuel-Efficient Airline on Transatlantic Routes](#) by the ICCT; [World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul Airline](#) for the fourth consecutive year and [Europe's Best Low-Cost Airline](#) for the sixth consecutive year by Skytrax; [Value Airline of the Year](#) by Air Transport World; [Favorite Budget Airline](#) by Global Travel Magazine; [Best Wi-Fi in Europe and Best Overall Passenger Experience Low Cost Carrier Europe](#) at the Passenger Choice Awards; [Airline Programme of the Year Europe and Africa at the Freddie Awards](#) in recognition of the airline's customer loyalty

programme – Norwegian reward; and [Europe's Leading Low-Cost Airline 2018](#) at the World Travel Awards.

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## About Norwegian

Norwegian is the world's fifth largest low-cost airline and carried 33 million passengers in 2017. The airline operates more than 500 routes to over 150 destinations in Europe, North Africa, Middle East, Thailand, Caribbean, North and South America. Norwegian has a fleet of more than 150 aircraft, with an average age of 3.7 years, making it one of the world's youngest and "greenest" fleets.

Norwegian has been named the Most Fuel-Efficient Airline on Transatlantic Routes by the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) twice. Norwegian has been voted 'Europe's Best Low-Cost Airline' by passengers for six consecutive years at the SkyTrax World Airline Awards 2013-2018, along with being named the 'World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul' Airline' for the past four years. Norwegian employs more than 9,000 people worldwide.

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