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BUSIEST ROUTES DECODED

OAG's Busiest Routes presents data and analysis of the world's busiest routes by number of flights for the period March 2018-February 2019.

- Carriers operating less than 500 scheduled flights per year on any route are excluded.
- For each route, the number of carriers operating the route is noted.
- On-Time Performance (OTP) is provided at route level.
 Routes with less than 80% coverage of OTP will be included but OTP will not be shown.
- On-Time Performance (OTP) data is sourced from OAG's Flight Status database and is for the 12 months to February 2019.

Short, Medium and Long-Haul categories are determined by distance as follows:

Short-Haul – 0-1,500km Medium-Haul – 1,500-4,000km Long-Haul – Over 4,000km

TOP 20 INTERNATIONAL

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Key Observations:

- 15 of the Top 20 busiest international routes are in Asia Pacific, with a cluster around the Asian hub airports of SIN, HKG, KUL and BKK.
- The busiest international route in the world is KUL-SIN with over 30,000 flights in the course of a year, operated by 8 carriers with an average of 82 flights per day.
- On average Asian routes (domestic and international) operate with seven carriers whilst in the U.S. and Europe, the average carrier per route is three.
- → Globally, seven of the Top 10 busiest long-haul routes start or end in the U.S.
- The busiest international route outside Asia is ranked 8th and is LGA-YYZ in North America. It has the fewest airlines competing of any Top 10 route, and also has the lowest OTP at 54.9%.

Seats by Route:



TOP 20 INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	KUL-SIN	30,187	72.8%	8
2	HKG-TPE	28,447	70.0%	5
3	CGK-SIN	27,046	80.7%	7
4	HKG-PVG	20,678	66.6%	5
5	CGK-KUL	19,741	63.9%	8
6	ICN-KIX	19,711	71.0%	8
7	LGA-YYZ	17,038	54.9%	3
8	HKG-ICN	15,770	71.4%	9
9	BKK-SIN	14,698	81.7%	5
10	DXB-KWI	14,581	82.5%	4
11	BKK-HKG	14,556	71.3%	4
12	HKG-PEK	14,537	67.7%	5
13	JFK-LHR	14,195	78.2%	4
14	NRT-TPE	13,902	76.5%	9
15	DUB-LHR	13,855	76.7%	2
16	KIX-PVG	13,708	-	9
17	HKG-SIN	13,654	72.7%	4
18	ORD-YYZ	13,503	64.0%	3
19	ICN-NRT	13,420	68.7%	7
20	KIX-TPE	13,325	76.4%	9

TOP 20 DOMESTIC

BUSIEST ROUTES

Key Observations:

- → The busiest domestic route in the world, by a large margin, operates between Jeju and Seoul Gimpo. With nearly 80,000 annual flights, this high frequency service is operated by seven carriers who between them provide over 200 daily services.
- The 2nd busiest domestic route is MEL-SYD in Australia with around 148 flights each day.
- There are 15 domestic routes in the world which have more flights operating each year than any international route anywhere.
- The Top 20 busiest domestic routes are located in 13 different countries in every continent except Europe. Indonesia is home to more of the Top 20 busiest domestic routes than any other country, with three.
- Each of Australia, China, India, Japan and the United States have two of the busiest domestic routes.

TOP 20 DOMESTIC ROUTES

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Country	Carriers
1	CJU-GMP	79,460	72.3%	South Korea	7
2	MEL-SYD	54,102	72.2%	Australia	4
3	BOM-DEL	45,188	67.5%	India	6
4	CGH-SDU	39,747	83.6%	Brazil	3
5	FUK-HND	39,406	83.3%	Japan	4
6	HAN-SGN	39,291	-	Vietnam	3
7	CTS-HND	39,271	82.5%	Japan	4
8	CGK-SUB	37,762	-	Indonesia	6
9	LAX-SFO	35,365	71.2%	United States	5
10	JED-RUH	35,149	-	Saudi Arabia	5
11	CPT-JNB	33,708	82.3%	South Africa	6
12	BNE-SYD	33,443	79.1%	Australia	4
13	CUZ-LIM	32,095	-	Peru	6
14	CGK-DPS	31,958	-	Indonesia	6
15	BOG-MDE	31,279	69.4%	Colombia	3
16	SHA-SZX	29,401	-	China	7
17	PEK-SHA	29,233	74.6%	China	6
18	CGK-UPG	28,903	-	Indonesia	5
19	BLR-DEL	28,716	72.7%	India	7
20	JFK-LAX	26,286	79.9%	United States	5

TOP 10 GLOBAL SHORT/MEDIUM AND LONG HAUL ROUTES

BUSEST ROUTES

Key Observations:

- **>** Eight of the busiest long-haul routes operate within the U.S.
- Indian routes from Delhi feature in both the short-haul and medium-haul categories.
- Three of the busiest medium-haul routes are domestic routes in China, starting or ending in Beijing.
- → HNL-NRT has the highest OTP of these routes with just under 90% of flights operating on time.

TOP 10 GLOBAL SHORT-HAUL ROUTES

Source: OAG

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	CJU-GMP	79,460	72.3%	7
2	MEL-SYD	54,102	72.2%	4
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TOP 10 GLOBAL MEDIUM-HAUL ROUTES

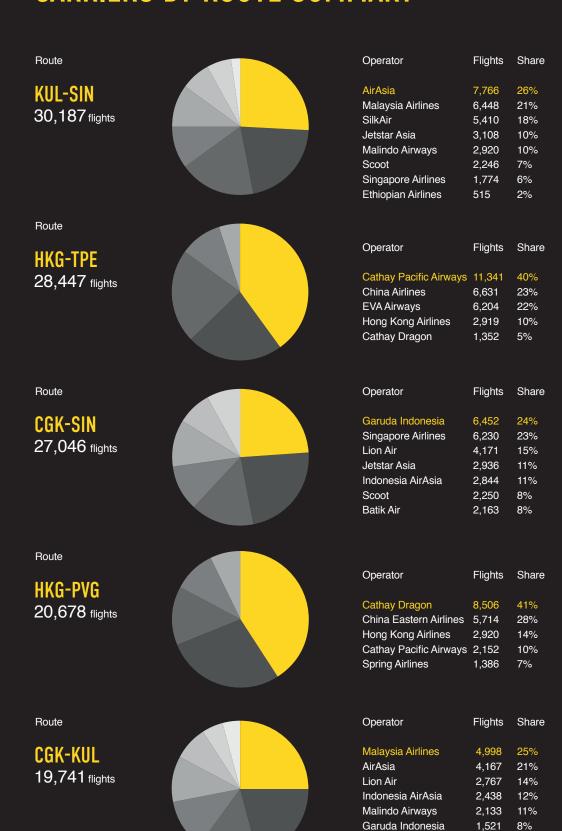
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4	PEK-SZX	23,200	-	5
5	HND-OKA	22,473	73.1%	3
6	CAN-PEK	21,105	-	4
7	BKI-KUL	20,528	69.5%	3
8	LAX-SEA	19,778	80.1%	3
9	DEL-MAA	18,501	73.7%	4
10	LAX-ORD	16,612	78.0%	4

TOP 10 GLOBAL LONG-HAUL ROUTES

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	JFK-SFO	15,587	73.7%	4
2	JFK-LHR	14,195	78.2%	4
3	HNL-LAX	11,628	84.6%	5
4	EWR-SFO	11,302	68.3%	2
5	BOS-LAX	11,262	79.9%	5
6	BOS-SFO	10,475	71.3%	4
7	HNL-NRT	7,644	89.8%	6
8	DXB-LHR	7,109	72.7%	3
9	LAX-LHR	6,677	78.8%	5
10	SIN-SYD	6,048	84.0%	4

TOP 5 INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS BY ROUTE SUMMARY



Batik Air

KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines 725

5%

TOP 5 DOMESTIC CARRIERS BY ROUTE SUMMARY



ASIA PACIFIC

The scale and size of key trunk routes within Asia Pacific means these tables are almost exclusively focused on intra Asian routes.



TOP 10 ASIA PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

Source: **OAG**

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	KUL-SIN	30,187	72.8%	8
2	HKG-TPE	28,447	70.0%	5
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TOP 10 ASIA PACIFIC DOMESTIC ROUTES

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8	BNE-SYD	33,443	79.1%	4
9	CGK-DPS	31,958	-	7
10	SHA-SZX	29,401	-	7

SPOTLIGHT ON ASIA

With 15 of the world's busiest international routes, and 13 of the world's busiest domestic routes, we take a closer look at their characteristics.

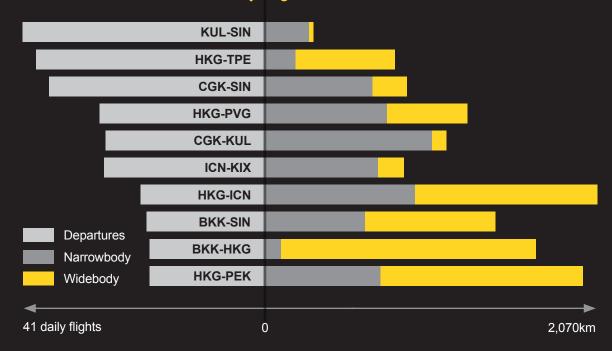
Key Observations:

- ▼ The busiest routes in Asia Pacific typically have an average of seven carriers operating on them, unlike the U.S. and EMEA markets where there are 2 or 3 carriers.
- All of Asia Pacific's busiest routes operate within Asia.

International Busiest Routes:

- ▶ The world's busiest route is one of the shortest. At just 296km, you have barely taken off from Kuala Lumpur before you're descending into Singapore. With a flight time of just over an hour, passengers can choose between 41 different flights every day, and eight different airlines. Most of these operate on narrowbody aircraft, but occasionally you'll find an A330 or even an A350 operating on this high frequency city pair. Perhaps not what the manufacturer intended them for!
- → As the routes get longer, we see the share of flights operated by larger aircraft increase.
- ▶ Hong Kong-Taipei is the exception to this. One of the world's busiest trunk routes, this short hop of just 806 km has 39 daily departures from HKG. 77% of flights on this route operate on widebody aircraft, servicing the huge demand that exists for air travel between these two cities. Nearly half of these flights operate on A330-300's, with a typical 289 seats on board. Another 15% operate on B777's with a whopping 387 seats per flight.
- Half of these routes operate from one of Asia's biggest hubs, Hong Kong. These busy routes squeeze in amongst the 499 flights that leave Hong Kong every day.

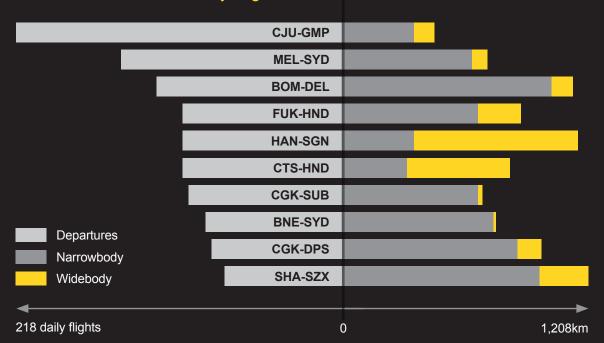
International Busiest Routes by Flights and Distance:



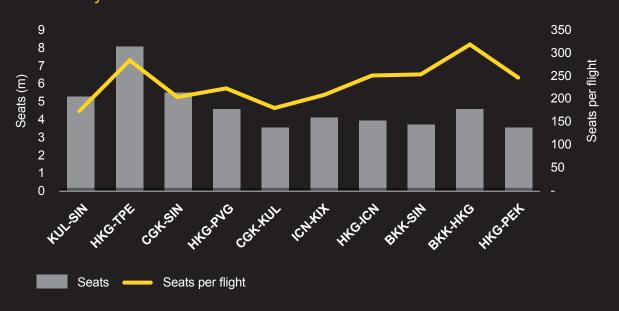
Domestic Busiest Routes:

- ✓ With nearly 80,000 flights in a year (that's 219 departing flights every single day) on the busiest domestic route in the world, seven carriers fly passengers from South Korea's capital, Seoul, just 451km across the Korea Strait to Jeju, with nearly two thirds on a variation of a B737 aircraft. The busiest route is also the shortest of the Top 10 domestic routes, taking just over an hour.
- ▶ Domestic routes on average have a higher share operated by narrowbody aircraft 77% vs. international routes which have 55% of flights on narrowbody aircraft.
- ▼ Two routes, HAN-SGN and CTS-HND have higher than average rates of widebody aircraft operating the route, reflecting the demand on these busy international routes.

Domestic Busiest Routes by Flights and Distance:



Seats by Route:



TOP 10 ASIA PACIFIC SHORT-HAUL ROUTES

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TOP 10 ASIA PACIFIC MEDIUM-HAUL ROUTES

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1	BLR-DEL	28,716	72.7%	7
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3	PEK-SZX	23,200	-	5
4	HND-OKA	22,473	73.1%	3
5	CAN-PEK	21,105	-	4
6	BKI-KUL	20,528	69.5%	3
7	DEL-MAA	18,501	73.7%	5
8	HKG-ICN	15,770	71.4%	9
9	BKK-HKG	14,556	71.3%	4
10	HKG-PEK	14,537	67.7%	5

TOP 10 ASIA PACIFIC LONG-HAUL ROUTES

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	NRT-HNL	7,644	89.8%	6
2	SIN-SYD	6,048	84.0%	4
3	MEL-SIN	6,045	83.5%	4
4	ICN-SIN	5,702	74.5%	3
5	HND-SIN	5,235	91.7%	3
6	BKK-NRT	5,206	74.1%	3
7	BKK-HND	4,926	90.3%	3
8	DEL-SIN	4,528	78.3%	3
9	BNE-SIN	4,367	93.4%	3
10	NRT-SIN	4,328	89.0%	4



NORTH AMERICA

With the exception of one route, all of the busiest international routes operate to and from destinations within North America.



TOP 10 NORTH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

Source: **OAG**

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers*
1	LGA-YYZ	17,038	54.9%	3
2	JFK-LHR	14,195	78.2%	4
3	ORD-YYZ	13,503	64.0%	3
4	LGA-YUL	10,839	65.6%	3
5	ATL-YYZ	7,760	72.9%	2
6	EWR-YYZ	7,653	56.1%	2
7	LAX-YVR	6,955	72.1%	3
8	ORD-YUL	6,446	63.9%	3
9	PHL-YYZ	6,215	60.3%	2
10	SFO-YVR	6,191	64.0%	3

TOP 10 NORTH AMERICA DOMESTIC ROUTES

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers*
1	LAX-SFO	35,365	71.2%	5
2	JFK-LAX	26,286	79.9%	5
3	LGA-ORD	24,188	66.9%	4
4	LAS-LAX	23,783	79.9%	6
5	BOS-LGA	20,426	73.3%	3
6	HNL-OGG	19,905	93.5%	1
7	LAX-SEA	19,778	80.1%	3
8	ATL-LGA	19,203	76.9%	4
9	SEA-SFO	19,070	67.6%	4
10	YVR-YYC	18,964	79.7%	2

^{*}Data for Virgin America (VX) has been included in Alaska Airlines (AS) data

NORTH AMERICA

Key Observations:

- Air Canada is the largest operator of capacity on six of the Top 10 international routes, with America, BA, Delta and United each being the largest operator for one of the other Top 10 routes.
- The largest route in the Top 10 which isn't between Canada and the US is JFK-LHR. With four operators there is more competition than on the busiest transborder routes, and these airlines operate over 19 flights a day on average.
- All but one of the Top 10 domestic routes in North America are within the U.S.
- → The busiest domestic route in North America is LAX-SFO, one of three routes in the Top 10 which serve the US West Coast. The others are LAX-SEA (ranked 7th) and SEA-SFO (ranked 9th).
- The shortest is HNL-OGG, an intra Hawaii route btween islands
 which is only 162km (101 miles) in distance but sees an average
 of 54 flights a day. The only operator is Hawaiian Airlines which
 manages a very high OTP of 93.5%.
- Half of the Top 10 long-haul routes are also domestic U.S. routes.

TOP 10 NORTH AMERICA SHORT-HAUL ROUTES

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8	YVR-YYC	18,964	79.7%	2
9	ATL-MCO	18,716	81.6%	5
10	LAX-SJC	17,860	78.7%	4

TOP 10 NORTH AMERICA MEDIUM-HAUL ROUTES

Source: **OAG**

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	JFK-LAX	26,286	79.9%	5
2	LAX-SEA	19,778	80.1%	3
3	LAX-ORD	16,612	78.0%	4
4	YVR-YYZ	15,251	66.9%	3
5	DFW-LAX	14,098	81.0%	3
6	EWR-MCO	13,997	67.5%	4
7	ORD-SFO	13,855	71.3%	3
8	ATL-BOS	13,723	75.7%	4
9	ANC-SEA	13,548	86.6%	2
10	DEN-SEA	13,228	80.0%	5

TOP 10 NORTH AMERICA LONG-HAUL ROUTES

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3	HNL-LAX	11,628	84.6%	5
4	EWR-SFO	11,302	68.3%	2
5	BOS-LAX	11,262	79.9%	5
6	BOS-SFO	10,475	71.3%	4
7	HNL-NRT	7,644	89.8%	6
8	LAX-LHR	6,677	78.8%	5
9	LHR-ORD	6,036	75.6%	3
10	EWR-LHR	5,726	76.8%	3

EUROPE

All of Europe's busiest routes operate to and from destinations within Europe.



TOP 10 EUROPE INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

Source: **OAG**

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers*
1	LHR-JFK	14,195	78.2%	4
2	DUB-LHR	13,855	76.7%	2
3	AMS-LHR	13,115	79.9%	3
4	ARN-OSL	12,841	75.2%	2
5	ARN-CPH	12,679	76.5%	2
6	CPH-OSL	12,383	81.5%	4
7	LIS-MAD	11,843	67.6%	3
8	ARN-HEL	11,653	74.2%	2
9	LHR-MUC	10,282	70.5%	4
10	BCN-LGW	10,185	66.0%	2

TOP 10 EUROPE DOMESTIC ROUTES

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers*
1	BCN-MAD	18,812	82.1%	3
2	LED-SVO	17,722	85.3%	3
3	ADB-IST	17,685	80.4%	4
4	FRA-TXL	17,591	72.7%	2
5	ADB-SAW	17,424	84.3%	2
6	ORY-TLS	17,081	84.6%	2
7	OSL-TRD	16,940	82.0%	2
8	AYT-SAW	16,767	79.9%	3
9	ESB-SAW	16,715	79.9%	2
10	BGO-OSL	16,451	81.8%	2

^{*}Data for carriers in the Norwegian group has been combined

EUROPE

Key Observations:

- Four of the Top 10 busiest international routes originate or depart from LHR.
- Short-haul routes in Europe are dominated by some of the biggest countries or those where geography dictates that air travel is the only viable option - there are four short and medium routes which start or end in Russia, and five which start or end in Turkey.
- → Six of the Top 10 busiest long-haul routes operate between Europe and the U.S.
- Whilst there is an overall average of three carriers per route in Europe, there are several with four carriers, including some Canary Islands routes operating to mainland Spain.

TOP 10 EUROPE SHORT-HAUL ROUTES

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TOP 10 EUROPE MEDIUM-HAUL ROUTES

Source: **OAG**

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	LPA-MAD	9,036	86.1%	4
2	MAD-TFN	8,563	85.7%	4
3	IKA-IST	6,904	-	5
4	AGP-LGW	6,734	76.1%	3
5	CDG-SVO	6,519	71.3%	2
6	PRG-SVO	6,457	77.7%	3
7	LHR-LIS	6,161	63.9%	2
8	FRA-LIS	5,849	62.4%	3
9	AMS-LIS	5,546	64.4%	4
10	EVN-SVO	5,467	90.1%	2

TOP 10 EUROPE LONG-HAUL ROUTES

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2	DXB-LHR	7,109	72.7%	3
3	LAX-LHR	6,677	78.8%	5
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5	EWR-LHR	5,726	76.8%	3
6	HKG-LHR	5,677	74.0%	3
7	LHR-SIN	5,050	74.3%	3
8	CDG-JFK	5,021	70.7%	4
9	DEL-LHR	4,410	76.4%	4
10	IAD-LHR	4,438	79.0%	3

LATIN AMERICA

With the exception of SJU-MCO, the remaining nine busiest international routes in Latin America operate within the region.



TOP 10 LATIN AMERICA INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

Source: **OAG**

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	LIM-SCL	10,369	85.3%	4
2	SJU-MCO	9,446	74.8%	4
3	GRU-SCL	8,812	81.7%	3
4	BOG-PTY	7,327	87.3%	2
5	PTY-SJO	7,276	91.0%	2
6	EZE-GRU	7,019	75.1%	6
7	EZE-SCL	6,603	82.4%	4
8	EZE-GIG	5,093	81.6%	4
9	AEP-MVD	4,868	83.5%	2
10	CUN-PTY	4,862	92.3%	1

TOP 10 LATIN AMERICA DOMESTIC ROUTES

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1	CGH-SDU	39,747	83.6%	3
2	CUZ-LIM	32,095	-	6
3	BOG-MDE	31,279	69.4%	3
4	CUN-MEX	26,019	81.6%	4
5	BOG-CLO	21,553	63.7%	2
6	BOG-CTG	21,280	69.9%	3
7	MEX-MTY	20,862	77.7%	4
8	GDL-MEX	19,570	78.0%	4
9	BSB-CGH	16,716	86.2%	3
10	GRU-POA	16,126	80.8%	4

LATIN AMERICA

Key Observations:

- The busiest international route in Latin America is LIM-SCL with over 10,000 flights each year, and services by four carriers. LATAM Airlines Group dominates capacity, operating the planes that carry 71% of seats.
- The Top 10 Latin American busiest route with the highest OTP is PTY-SJO with 91% of flights on time. 90% of flights are operated by COPA.
- ▼ While most the Top 10 busiest routes have four or fewer airlines flying the route, EZE-GRU has six scheduled carriers.
- ▼ Three of the Top 10 busiest domestic operate within Brazil, three in Mexico and three in Colombia.
- Demonstrating LATAM's significant presence across the Continent, LATAM Airlines Group flies on five of the Top 10 international busiest routes in Latin America, and seven of the Top 10 busiest domestic routes.
- Among the Top 10 busiest long-haul routes, eight are to destinations outside Latin America with two being flights to MIA (US), three to MAD (Spain) and two to ORY (France).

TOP 10 LATIN AMERICA SHORT-HAUL ROUTES

Source: OAG

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	CGH-SDU	39,747	83.6%	4
2	CUZ-LIM	32,095	-	6
3	BOG-MDE	31,279	69.4%	4
4	CUN-MEX	26,019	81.6%	4
5	BOG-CLO	21,553	63.7%	2
6	BOG-CTG	21,280	69.9%	3
7	MEX-MTY	20,862	77.7%	4
8	GDL-MEX	19,570	78.0%	4
9	BSB-CGH	16,716	86.2%	4
10	GRU-POA	16,126	80.8%	5

TOP 10 LATIN AMERICA MEDIUM-HAUL ROUTES

Source: **OAG**

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	GRU-REC	12,563	79.0%	4
2	MEX-TIJ	11,215	80.9%	3
3	GDL-TIJ	11,029	-	4
4	FOR-GRU	11,008	80.1%	3
5	LIM-SCL	10,369	85.3%	4
6	GRU-SCL	8,812	81.7%	3
7	EZE-GRU	7,019	75.1%	6
8	PUQ-SCL	5,546	-	3
9	ARI-SCL	5,409	85.5%	2
10	CUN-GDL	5,302	-	4

TOP 10 LATIN AMERICA LONG-HAUL ROUTES

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	GRU-PTY	3,963	89.4%	1
2	GRU-MIA	3,948	75.4%	3
3	EZE-MIA	3,910	76.3%	3
4	PTY-SCL	3,711	85.8%	1
5	BOG-MAD	3,568	42.4%	3
6	ORY-PTP	3,263	-	3
7	EZE-MAD	3,166	80.7%	3
8	MAD-MEX	3,006	76.3%	2
9	FDF-ORY	2,951	-	3
10	GRU-JFK	2,880	-	4

MIDDLE EASTAND AFRICA

Almost all of the busiest routes operate between points in the Middle East.



TOP 10 MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

Source: **OAG**

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	DXB-KWI	14,581	82.5%	4
2	DXB-MCT	12,680	79.9%	5
3	BAH-DXB	12,576	77.2%	4
4	DXB-RUH	12,550	77.9%	5
5	CAI-JED	12,162	64.7%	3
6	BOM-DXB	12,040	76.4%	7
7	DXB-JED	10,491	79.2%	4
8	DEL-DXB	10,218	78.8%	7
9	DOH-KWI	9,748	79.6%	3
10	DOH-MCT	8,846	84.7%	3

TOP 10 MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA DOMESTIC ROUTES

Rank	Route	Flights	Route OTP	Carriers
1	JED-RUH	35,148	-	5
2	CPT-JNB	33,706	82.3%	6
3	DUR-JNB	22,357	81.8%	5
4	MHD-THR	20,176	-	10
5	AHB-RUH	15,689	86.1%	4
6	ABV-LOS	14,643	-	5
7	DMM-JED	13,488	88.6%	4
8	AHB-JED	12,834	85.2%	4
9	DMM-RUH	12,684	88.3%	3
10	SYZ-THR	11,918	-	6

MIDDLE EASTAND AFRICA

Key Observations:

- ▼ Five of the Top 10 busiest international routes in the region are all between DXB and other major regional cities in the Middle East - KWI, MCT, BAH, JED and RUH. None of these routes are more than 900km.
- → Five of the Top 10 busiest domestic routes in the Middle East and Africa are in Saudi Arabia, connecting the cities served by JED, DMM, RUH and AHB.
- → The other Top 10 busiest domestic routes are in South Africa (2), Iran (2) and Nigeria.
- The Top 10 busiest long-haul routes in the Middle East and
 Africa are typically longer than in other regions of the world,
 with the longest route being JNB-LHR at 9,076km. The
 average length of the Top 10 busiest long-haul routes is
 just under 6,000km.

TOP 10 MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA SHORT-HAUL ROUTES Source: 0AG

Rank	Route	Short Haul	Route OTP	Carriers
1	JED-RUH	35,149	-	5
2	CPT-JNB	33,708	82.3%	6
3	DUR-JNB	22,346	81.8%	5
4	MHD-THR	20,176	-	10
5	AHB-RUH	15,689	86.1%	4
6	ABV-LOS	14,637	-	5
7	DXB-KWI	14,581	82.5%	4
8	DMM-JED	13,489	88.6%	4
9	AHB-JED	12,834	85.2%	4
10	DMM-RUH	12,684	88.3%	4

TOP 10 MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA MEDIUM-HAUL ROUTES Source: 0AG

Rank	Route	Medium Haul	Route OTP	Carriers
1	BOM-DXB	12,038	76.4%	7
2	DXB-JED	10,491	79.2%	4
3	DEL-DXB	10,218	78.8%	7
4	IKA-IST	6,904	-	5
5	CAI-RUH	6,402	61.5%	3
6	CAI-KWI	5,902	66.8%	3
7	AMM-DXB	5,688	86.9%	3
8	BEY-DXB	5,635	78.4%	3
9	BEY-DOH	4,114	83.0%	2
10	JED-MCT	3,530	-	2

TOP 10 MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA LONG-HAUL ROUTES

Rank	Route	Long Haul	Route OTP	Carriers
1	DXB-LHR	7,109	72.7%	3
2	BKK-DXB	4,983	77.2%	2
3	BKK-DOH	4,564	79.0%	1
4	DOH-LHR	4,376	79.6%	1
5	DXB-HKG	3,648	78.5%	2
6	DXB-SIN	3,629	80.5%	2
7	JNB-LHR	3,384	73.2%	3
8	DXB-MNL	3,292	59.7%	3
9	CGK-JED	3,015	-	2
10	AUH-LHR	2,952	79.5%	2

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