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Centre for Aviation report shows Gatwick Airport as world's top international low-cost airport



A new report issued by the Centre for Aviation (CAPA) has shown that London Gatwick Airport has become the top international low-cost airport in the world.

As highlighted in the report, European airline Norwegian's low-cost long-haul flight routes to North America and the Far East played significant roles in helping Gatwick Airport attain the position. Currently, Norwegian serves a total of eleven low-cost long-haul routes from Gatwick Airport.

Gatwick Airport Airlines head Stephen King said: "News that Gatwick has become the world's leading low-cost airport shows that competition between airports is working and has allowed our long-haul network to go from strength to strength."

“At this vital time for the country’s economy - it is great to see that the UK has more than just one national asset helping our businesses get goods and services to markets across the globe.”

In September this year, new routes are slated to begin service from the airport to Denver and Seattle, in addition to other routes including New York, Boston Los Angeles, Oakland and Orlando in the US.

Other low-cost long-haul aircraft flying from the airport include Air Transat, WestJet and Air Canada Rouge which travel to cities across Canada.

In addition, Norwegian will operate a new flight service from Gatwick to Singapore Changi Airport from 28 September this year. The new route to Singapore will be operated using the airline’s latest 787 Dreamliner aircraft, which will fly four times a week with the number to be increased to five in the winter.

Gatwick Airport serves more than 50 long haul destinations, which are operated by full-service, charter and low-cost carriers.