

Travel Catering Research Centre Quarterly Report

Europe

April - June 2007 Forecast



Passenger Numbers by Overall Route (millions)

	Jan-Mar '07	Jan-Mar '06	% change	Apr-Jun '06	Forecast
Europe	60.29	54.32	11.00%	67.20	74.60
Intercontinental	18.16	17.01	6.80%	19.02	20.31
Total	78.45	71.32	9.99%	86.22	94.84

The passenger numbers within Europe continue to grow to 11% in this quarter. Likewise, intercontinental passenger numbers also continue to recover at 6.80%.

Passenger Numbers by Seat Class (millions)

	Jan-Mar '07	Jan-Mar '06	% change	Apr-Jun '06	Forecast
First	2.79	2.53	10%	3.06	3.37
Business	14.80	13.46	10%	16.27	17.89
Economy	60.87	55.34	10%	66.89	73.58

The passenger numbers by seat class have increased to 10% in this quarter. For first and economy class, this percentage represents the highest growth in the last two years, whereas for business class it is only second after the major growth of 13% in the fourth quarter of 2006.

Passenger Numbers by Carrier (millions)

	Jan-Mar '07	Jan-Mar '06	% change	Apr-Jun '06	Forecast
Air France/KLM	16.98	16.24	4.60%	19.05	19.93
British Airways	7.69	8.11	-5.13%	9.54	9.05
Finnair	1.90	1.84	3.41%	2.00	2.07
Iberia	6.31	6.40	-1.31%	7.46	7.36
Lufthansa	12.33	11.47	7.50%	14.09	15.15
SAS Group	9.09	8.53	6.51%	10.32	11.00
easyJet	8.31	7.45	11.68%	8.78	9.80
Ryanair	10.11	7.70	31.34%	9.88	12.98

British Airways saw a drop of -5.13% in passenger numbers, and Iberia did at 1.31%. EasyJet and Ryanair once again enjoy growth respectively at 11.68% and 31.34%.

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Estimated Complimentary Meal Numbers by Route (millions)

	Jan-Mar '07	Jan-Mar '06	% change	Apr-Jun '06	Forecast
Europe (non-domestic)	18.57	16.79	10.63%	21.69	24.00
Europe – Africa	4.22	3.98	5.96%	3.89	4.12
Europe – Middle East	1.93	1.75	10.61%	2.00	2.21
Europe – Atlantic	13.30	12.65	5.13%	15.32	16.04
Far East/Australasia	6.81	6.32	7.87%	6.44	6.95
Totals	45.00	41.54	8.30%	49.40	53.50

The complimentary meal numbers have increased for most routes, ranging from 5.13% to 10.63%. The fastest growth is by non-domestic Europe routes, followed by Europe-Middle East route, whereas the slowest growth in this quarter is recorded for Europe – Atlantic route (5.13%) and Europe – Africa (5.96%).

Travel Catering Research Centre Quarterly Report Headlines

Ryanair - Eight new routes in September 2007

Ryanair announces eight new routes from Düsseldorf-Weeze to Fuerteventura, Malaga, Sevilla, and Valencia in Spain, Milan and Trapani in Italy, Vaxjö in Sweden, and Marrakesh in Morocco. The new routes start in September 2007, when Ryanair will base two further Boeing 737-800 aircraft at the airport, bringing its total investment there to USD 280 million. This expansion will deliver 2 million passengers a year at Weeze by 2008, creating 2000 jobs and a visitor spend of EUR 200 million in the Niederrhein region.

#809.CAT17, Momberger Newsletter, 25 May 2007

Demand for Finnair Asian traffic high and rising

Demand for Finnair's flights between Europe and Asia has increased significantly. Flights to Bangkok, for example, will operate twice daily as the peak season gets under way as of December 3. In addition to the evening departures operated throughout the year, a new morning departure will be launched from Helsinki at the beginning of December, running until the end of March. During the winter season, Finnair will be the biggest European scheduled flight operator at Bangkok. Finnair is launching direct flights to the capital of South Korea, Seoul, in June 2008 with five weekly frequencies. The flights will be operated with Finnair's new Airbus A340-300 long-haul aircraft. Finnair will be the only airline to fly non-stop from South Korea to northern Europe. Finnair's full list of Asian destinations reads as follows: Bangkok, Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Delhi and Mumbai.

Asia Pacific News, www.bttravel.com, 26 June 2007

Finnair Plc Press Release, www.finnair.com/group, 3 August 2007

SWISS takes top Zurich cuisine aloft.

SWISS will be serving its guests tasty food creations from Zurich this summer in the latest phase of its "SWISS Taste of Switzerland" inflight culinary concept. Once again, the airline has won a leading local chef to contribute to its innovative on-board cuisine: Felix Eppisser of the Hotel Rigiblick, Zurich. The exclusive dishes will be served to First and Business Class travellers aboard SWISS long-haul flights from Switzerland (and on selected flights to Switzerland). Business Class customers on longer European services from Switzerland will also be enjoying Eppisser's tasty creations. The programme, which was introduced in 2002, has already featured the cooking of various cantons including Basel, Valais, Ticino and Appenzell. "SWISS Taste of Switzerland" has also earned the inflight catering industry's Mercury Award for its innovative culinary approach.

Swiss International Air Lines Press Release, www.swiss.com, 30 May 2007.

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Explanations

Passenger Numbers by Route

The data in this table is derived from the Monthly Traffic Snapshots found on the Association of European Airlines (AEA) web pages.

% change - This compares the last full quarter of this year with the same quarter in the previous year.

Forecast - The forecast is based on the trend derived from the equivalent quarter of the previous year and the percentage change in the last full quarter.

Passenger Numbers by Seat Class

The data in this table is derived from data found on Euromonitor's web pages. The seat class data is defined by country and is then applied to the major carrier for that country.

Passenger Numbers by Carrier

The data in this table is derived from the individual carrier's websites.

% change – Please see above.

Forecast – Please see above.

Estimated Complimentary Meal Numbers by Route

The data in this table is calculated by taking the total passenger numbers provided by the AEA (this specifically excludes budget airlines and charter passenger numbers) and applying a multiplier to provide an estimate of the total number of meals provided to passengers. The multipliers used are based upon consensus meal values agreed upon by a panel of experts and are subject to change on a monthly basis.

% change – Please see above.

Forecast – Please see above.