

Singapore-Kuala Lumpur world's busiest air route

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A new report by the air-travel intelligence company OAG says Singapore to Kuala Lumpur is the world's busiest international air route. From March 2017 to the end of February 2018, exactly 30,537 flights flew between

Singapore and KL. There was an average of 84 flights every day - that's one flight every 17 minutes or so. The route is covered by Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines and a host of budget airlines. The flight time between Singapore and KL is just under an hour. Asia has the top seven busiest international air routes, with Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Seoul and Osaka seeing the busiest traffic. New York LaGuardia to Toronto, and Dubai to Kuwait were the busiest non-Asian routes.

OAG provided more statistics on how busy the skies were in the year to February 2018. The busiest route if you count the number of passengers was Hong Kong to Taipei. More than 6.5 million passengers flew between these two cities. Singapore-Jakarta was second, with 4.7 million; followed by Singapore-KL, with just over 4 million passengers. OAG also reported on the busiest domestic routes. The world's busiest domestic air route is between Seoul and the South Korean island of Jeju. In 2017, 65,000 flights covered the route, with almost 180 flights per day - one every seven-and-a-half minutes. The only long-haul route in the top-20 list is New York JFK to London Heathrow, which has around 38 daily flights.

Sources:
businesstoday.in / yahoo.com / asiancorrespondent.com

Writing

The best way to travel is by air. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

report / air travel / intelligence / international / budget / flight / traffic / Singapore / Dubai / statistics / passengers / domestic / Hong Kong / million / London / daily

True / False

- A passenger satisfaction company wrote a report about air routes. T / F
- There were over 30,000 flights between Singapore and KL in a year. T / F
- No budget airlines fly between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. T / F
- The busiest non-Asian route was London to Paris. T / F
- The busiest route by passenger numbers was Hong-Kong-Taipei. T / F
- About 4.7 million people flew between Singapore and Jakarta in a year. T / F
- The world's busiest domestic route was New York - Los Angeles. T / F
- About 38 flights a day go between London and New York. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. report | a. inexpensive |
| 2. international | b. figures |
| 3. exactly | c. sole |
| 4. budget | d. precisely |
| 5. seeing | e. slightly |
| 6. statistics | f. global |
| 7. passengers | g. national |
| 8. just | h. travellers |
| 9. domestic | i. study |
| 10. only | j. experiencing |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- What would the most dangerous air route be?
- How can airlines cut the pollution they create?
- What is the best airline in the world?
- Do you prefer domestic or international flights?
- Where would you like to fly to?
- What will air travel be like in the future?
- What questions would you like to ask a pilot?

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Phrase Match

1. new report by the air-travel intelligence
 2. exactly
 3. flight
 4. Seoul and Osaka
 5. the busiest non-
 6. statistics on how busy
 7. if you count the number
 8. the busiest domestic
 9. 65,000 flights
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- a. seeing the busiest traffic
 - b. of passengers
 - c. haul route
 - d. Asian routes
 - e. the skies were
 - f. routes
 - g. time
 - h. covered the route
 - i. company
 - j. 30,537 flights

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think of air travel?
- b) What problems do busy air routes cause?
- c) What are the good and bad things about airplanes?
- d) How safe is air travel?
- e) Why are routes in Asia the busiest?
- f) What is the best form of transport?
- g) What do you think of budget airlines?
- h) What do you think of your national airline?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. i	2. f	3. d	4. a	5. j
6. b	7. h	8. e	9. g	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Airports

You think airports are the best things about air travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): airplanes, airplane food or upgrades.

Role B – Airplanes

You think airplanes are best thing about air travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): airports, airplane food or upgrades.

Role C – Airplane Food

You think airplane food is best things about air travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): airplanes, airports or upgrades.

Role D – Upgrades

You think upgrades are best things about air travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): airplanes, airplane food or airports.

Speaking – Air Travel

Rank these with your partner. Put the best thing about air travel at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- landing
- airports
- airplane food
- taking off
- air miles
- in-flight entertainment
- upgrades
- airplanes

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	F	e	T	f	T	g	F	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.