

TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS – April 2009

Summary of the headline figures

In April 2009, passenger capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres, was 2.4 per cent below April 2008. Traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres, rose by 0.9 per cent. This resulted in a passenger load factor increase of 2.6 points versus last year, to 78.1 per cent. Traffic comprised a 17.7 per cent decrease in premium traffic and a 5.2 per cent rise in non-premium traffic.

Comparisons between April 2008 and April 2009 are complicated by the timing of Easter, which fell in March in 2008 but was in April this year. The effect in April 2009 is to increase non-premium and reduce premium volumes.

Cargo, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometres, fell by 14.8 per cent.

Market conditions

Market conditions remain very challenging, with volume under pressure in premium and yield under pressure in all cabins. Yield weakness is driven by both price and fare mix.

It is too early to give any indication of the impact of the recent outbreak of swine flu.

Strategic Developments

British Airways sold its 11 mainline Boeing 757 aircraft for cargo conversion. The 757s will leave the fleet between 2010–2012 and be replaced by Airbus A320 family aircraft.

The U.S. Department of Transportation continued to move forward in reviewing British Airways, American Airlines and Iberia's application for antitrust immunity by issuing a scheduling order. The order sets in motion a period of public comment and a six-month time frame for a decision.

The airline launched a Backing Britain campaign to help British businesses beat the recession. In conjunction with UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) and BritishAmerican Business (BAB), it will offer 5,000 return flights worth up to £15 million to help UK small and medium enterprises win new business abroad.

The airline's subsidiary airline OpenSkies completed its merger with French airline L'Avion which was acquired in July 2008. The combined airline will be known as OpenSkies.

In a bid to enable budding British talent to realise their dreams, British Airways launched the BA Great Britons Programme with a £500,000 travel fund offering up to 180 free flights a year until 2012.

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	Month of April		Change (%)
	2009	2008	
Passengers carried (000)			
UK/Europe	1,693	1,670	+1.4
Americas	629	615	+2.2
Asia Pacific	142	156	-9.1
Africa and Middle East	292	280	+4.1
Total	2,756	2,721	+1.3
Revenue passenger km (m)			
UK/Europe	1,763	1,712	+3.0
Americas	4,259	4,152	+2.6
Asia Pacific	1,463	1,575	-7.1
Africa and Middle East	1,876	1,835	+2.3
Total	9,361	9,273	+0.9
Available seat km (m)			
UK/Europe	2,431	2,529	-3.9
Americas	5,347	5,433	-1.6
Asia Pacific	1,767	1,946	-9.2
Africa and Middle East	2,440	2,378	+2.6
Total	11,985	12,286	-2.4
Passenger load factor (%)			
UK/Europe	72.5	67.7	+4.8 pts
Americas	79.7	76.4	+3.3 pts
Asia Pacific	82.8	80.9	+1.9 pts
Africa and Middle East	76.9	77.1	-0.2 pts
Total	78.1	75.5	+2.6 pts
Revenue tonne km (RTK) (m)			
Cargo tonne km (CTK)	348	409	-14.8
Total RTK	1,279	1,326	-3.6
Available tonne km (m)	1,791	1,857	-3.5
Overall load factor (%)	71.4	71.4	+0.0 pts

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