



230,000 CHOCOLATE BUNNIES AND FULL AIRCRAFT: SWISS REPORTS POSITIVE EASTER PERFORMANCE IN 2026

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Easter holidays are traditionally one of the busiest travel periods of the year. Demand for air travel remained high in 2026. Between 3 and 6 April 2026, SWISS carried a total of 211,527 passengers on 1,657 flights. The 2026 Easter performance confirms strong and sustained demand for travel. Despite the high passenger volume, Swiss International Air Lines ensured a stable flight operation and transported its guests reliably to their destinations. Operations remained robust, with 99.3 percent of flights operated as scheduled and a departure punctuality of 77.2 percent.

In total, SWISS operated 1,657 flights over the Easter holidays (2025: 1,725) and carried 211,527 passengers (2025: 225,885). “It is very encouraging to see that our operations ran smoothly over the Easter holidays despite the high passenger volumes. This shows that the measures we have implemented are having a lasting effect. My sincere thanks go to our employees and partners, who make this reliable operation possible every day,” said Oliver Buchhofer, Chief Operating Officer of SWISS, summarizing the extended weekend.

Most popular destinations: European city trips and North America in demand

Over Easter 2026, classic European city destinations as well as North American routes were particularly popular.

**Top 3 short-haul destinations
(by passengers)**

- London Heathrow (LHR)
- Berlin (BER)
- Barcelona (BCN)

**Top 3 long-haul destinations
(by passengers)**

- New York (JFK)
- Miami (MIA)
- Chicago (ORD)

Easter spirit above the clouds: 230,000 chocolate bunnies on board

For many guests, the Easter holidays are one of the most popular times to travel. This year, SWISS once again added a special touch to the festive period on board.

A total of 230,000 chocolate Easter bunnies were distributed to passengers. A small, sweet gesture accompanying them on their journey to family, friends or holiday destinations.

Targeted capacity increase on popular short-haul routes

In May, SWISS will offer 31 additional rotations to nine European destinations, including Málaga, Alicante, Stockholm, Athens, Malta, Porto, Palma de Mallorca, Palermo and Thessaloniki.

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