



VÁCLAV HAVEL AIRPORT PRAGUE IS THE FIFTH FASTEST GROWING AIRPORT IN EUROPE IN THE CATEGORY OF 10 TO 25 MILLION PASSENGERS

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According to the latest International Airport Council International (ACI) data, in 2017 Václav Havel Airport Prague ranked fifth among the fastest growing airports in Europe in the category of 10 to 25 million passengers. The Prague Airport has secured the fifth place by the last year's record traffic of 15.4 million passengers. This represents a year-on-year increase of 17.9%, while the average passenger growth of European airports in this category was 11.3%.

“Last year, Václav Havel Airport Prague saw an increase not only in the total passenger traffic, but also in many other sub-indicators. The passenger increase was 16.5% on short routes to European destinations, while reaching 20% on long-distance flights. Passenger traffic also grew in the case of network carriers (+ 19.5%) and low-cost airlines (+19.6%). Growth is also expected this year, when we should approach 17 million passengers”, says Václav Řehoř, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Letiště Praha, a.s.

In the category of 10 to 25 million passengers, the fastest-growing airport in 2017 was Antalya,

Turkey, posting a 38% year-on-year growth, followed by St. Petersburg and Warsaw with 22.7% growth. Ankara placed third (+20.6%) and Lisbon placed fourth (+18.8%). Airports in this prominent category are also, on average, the fastest growing airports in Europe. Airports in the category of over 25 million passengers grew by an average of 5.6% year-on-year, while airports in the category of 5 to 10 million passengers grew by an average of 10.2%.

Average year-on-year increase in passenger traffic in Europe, ACI, 2017 (by airport category)

Category	Passenger traffic	2017 year-on-year increase
1.	over 25 million	5.6 %
2.	10 to 25 million	11.3 %
3.	5 to 10 million	10.2 %
4.	less than 5 million	10.9 %

Among the first six fastest growing European airports in its category, Prague recorded the lowest year-on-year increase in air movements (+9.3%). Year-on-year growth in flight movements was 29.4% in Antalya, 12.2% in Warsaw, 15.2% in St. Petersburg, 13.2% in Ankara and 11.5% in Lisbon. *“Despite a record increase in passenger traffic, we are able to maintain a slower growth in air movements, as a result of the efficient use of capacities, to which airlines are actively motivated”*, adds Václav Řehoř, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Letiště Praha a.s.

London Heathrow continues to be Europe’s busiest airport with 78 million passengers cleared in 2017, followed by Charles de Gaulle, Paris, with 69.4 million passengers and Amsterdam’s Schiphol with 68.5 million passengers.

Airport Council International Europe brings together more than 500 airports from 45 European countries. Airports that are members of the association account for more than 90% of commercial air transport in Europe.

ACI EUROPE AIR TRAFFIC REPORT

FULL YEAR 2017



This report, released by ACI EUROPE, is the only air transport report which includes all types of civil aviation passenger flights: network, low cost and charter.

In 2017, passenger traffic at Europe's airport grew by +8.5%. Passenger traffic at EU airports increased by +7.7%. At non-EU airports in Europe (including Iceland, Norway, Russia, Switzerland & Turkey), passenger traffic grew by +11.4%. Meanwhile, freight traffic across the European airport network reported growth of +8.5% while aircraft movements were up +3.8%.

In 2017, the airports which reported the highest increases in passenger traffic are as follows:

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GROUP 1 airports welcoming more than 25 million passengers per year		GROUP 2 airports welcoming between 10 and 25 million passengers		GROUP 3 airports welcoming between 5 and 10 million passengers		GROUP 4 airports welcoming less than 5 million passengers per year	
SVO	+17.8%	AYT	+38%	KEF	+28.3%	BBU	+208.9%
MAN	+8.6%	LED & WAW	+22.7%	NAP	+26.6%	INI	+167.8%
AMS	+7.7%	ESB	+20.6%	KBP	+22.1%	CRA	+100.6%
DME	+7.6%	LIS	+18.8%	MLA	+17.5%	BUS	+67.2%
BCN	+7.1%	PRG	+17.9%	LCA	+16.5%	KUN	+60.2%

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