Airlines in the tables are:

Aer Lingus, Air Canada, Air France, American Airlines, British Airways, Delta, easyJet, Emirates, Flybe, Jet2, KLM, Lufthansa, Monarch Airlines (scheduled and charter services), Norwegian, Ryanair, SAS, Swiss International Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, and Wizz Air.

Comparing airline fees for optional extras and other charges

When buying airline tickets, to find the best value flight, there are two aspects of the choices available to consider:

- 1. The airfare (or 'headline price') and any additional taxes or surcharges; and
- 2. The cost of optional extras and other charges chosen to pay when booking.

The table below sets out a comparison of these optional extras and other charges, so that passengers can compare like with like across the different airfares available, and take informed decisions as to which flights represent best value to them. Prices and fees shown in the tables are based on economy fare tickets unless otherwise stated.

The headline price / airfare

Airfares vary depending upon where and when you want to fly, when you book and with the airline that you choose to fly with.

In general it is cheaper to book earlier, or when travelling at less popular times. Airfares also vary – sometimes significantly – between different airlines. This can reflect the differences between airline business models, with some airlines including services such as hold baggage or allocated seating in the airfare, whilst other airlines either do not offer these services, or charge for them.

Shopping around and comparing the airfares and services offered by different airlines will help to find the best value flight. European law requires airlines to show airfares including all unavoidable taxes, fees and charges. Whilst the price of these unavoidable taxes, fees and charges varies between airlines and between destinations, if they are unavoidable, all of these costs should be included in the prices displayed upfront on websites and in adverts. Many airlines choose to display the taxes, fees and charges that are included in the airfare separately. Examples of the taxes, fees and charges that are included in airfares are: Air Passenger Duty (a UK Government tax); Passenger Service Charges; Fuel Surcharges; (compulsory) Check in fees; and fees relating to insurance and security costs.

Charges for optional extras and charges incurred when booking

The tables below provide information on what other optional extras may be applied to your fare depending on your requirements and the other charges that may be added to your booking. When viewed alongside the air fare, it should help you make an informed choice.

The tables cover the 23 of the largest airlines in the UK based on flights operating in the UK.

Some operators have different pricing for long haul, mid haul and short haul services which have been shown in the tables.

Glossary

Prices and fees shown are based on economy fare tickets unless otherwise stated.

N/A (not applicable) means the service is not available or not offered.

Where (airport), (phone) or (online) is shown, this refers to the method of booking that the particular fee or charge relates to.

SH - Short haul: flight time under three hours e.g. London-Paris

MH - Mid haul: flight time between three and six hours e.g. London - Tenerife

LH - Long haul: flight time over six hours e.g. London – New York.

Airline	Cabin bag dimensions	Check-in	Priority boarding	Advanced seat selection	Inclusive Luggage Allowance	Baggage Fees / Excess Fees	Sports / Music equipment	Meals / refreshments	Other charges	Credit card charges
Aer Lingus	55x40x24 cm and 10 kg plus one personal item - 25x33x20 cm.	All check in types included.	N/A	SH: £5 - £14 for standard seats. LH: £18 - £40.	LH: 1 x 23kg <u>bag</u> SH: N/A.	SH: 1st bag £20 - £59. LH: 2nd and subsequent £65. Overweight bags: £65.	£25 (online) or £32 (call centre / airport) per item per flight.	LH: meal and soft drink included. SH: meals from £6.50 (online).	Date/Itinerary/Route change: £35 (online), £40 (phone/airport) or LH £120. Plus fare difference. APD refund fee: £13.50	No charge.
<u>Air</u> <u>Canada</u>	23x40x55 cm and 10kg plus one personal item - 16x33x43 cm and 10kg.	All check in types included.	Included for Gold members and premium economy and up fares.	Standard seat selection included. Extra legroom / preferred seats: from 19 CAD.	1 x 23kg bag.	2nd 23kg bag: 70 CAD. Overweight and oversized bags: 100 CAD.	Over weight sports and music equipment: 50 CAD.	Meal and/or refreshments included appropriate for length of journey.	Name changes within 24 hours of booking: free of charge.	No charge.
Air France	55x35x25 cm plus one accessory e.g. purse, camera, notebook combined weight 12kg.	All check in types included.	Available for Sky Priority Club members.	LH: 50 - 70 EUR. S/MH: 10 - 20 EUR.	1 x 23kg bag, some Mini Fares are hand baggage only.	Overweight bags: 70 EUR. Oversized bags: 75 EUR. 2nd bag: 70 EUR. 20% online discount for online bookings.	Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive allowance. Excess charges apply. 20% online discount for online bookings.	Meal and/or refreshments included appropriate for length of journey.	Phone bookings: £13 per ticket. Ticket office booking: £20 per ticket. Time to Think: £5 - £15 per reservation.	£4.50 per passenger.
American Airlines	56x35x23 cm plus one personal item which must fit beneath the seat in front.	All check in types included.	Group 1 Boarding: 15-40 USD.	4-169 USD (includes extra legroom/ preferred seats).	1 x 23 kg bag.	2nd 23kg bag: £65. Overweight bags: 100 USD. Oversized bags: 100 USD.	Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive allowance. Excess charges apply, some items have individual charges e.g. bikes: 150 USD.	Meal and/or refreshments included appropriate for length of journey.	PayPal: £4.50 per ticket. Round the world itineraries: £25 per passenger. Same day flight change: 75 USD.	£4.50 per ticket.

Airline	Cabin bag dimensions	Check-in	Priority boarding	Advanced seat selection	Inclusive Luggage Allowance	Baggage Fees / Excess Fees	Sports / Music equipment	Meals / refreshments	Other charges	Credit card charges
British Airways	56x45x25 cm plus one personal item 45x36x20 cm. 23kg per bag.	Included in ticket price.	N/A	Free of charge 24 hours before departure. Extra leg room seats: SH from £5 and LH from £50.	Most fares include at least 1 x 23kg bag (some fares are hand baggage only)	Extra 23kg bag. Flight to/from LGW: £36 (online), £40 (airport). All other destinations: £40 (online), £65 (airport).	Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive allowance. Standard excess charges apply.	Meal and/or refreshments included appropriate for length of journey.	PayPal: £5 per booking APD refund fee: £15-30.	£5 per booking.
<u>Delta</u>	one personal item e.g. laptop. A small bag of airport shopping may be taken in addition.	Included in ticket price.	<u>10 USD.</u>	Included in ticket price, extra leg room seats: 9-59 USD.	At least 1 x 23kg bag included in most fares transatlantic fare.	2nd 23kg bag: 100 USD.	Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive allowance. Excess charges apply.	Meal and/or refreshments included appropriate for length of journey.	On board Wi-Fi: from 4.99 USD. In flight alcoholic drinks vouchers: 5 USD	No charge.
<u>EasyJet</u>	Bags under 50x40x20 cm are guaranteed to stay with you; larger bags may be placed in the hold free of charge on busy flights.	Online check in only. Airport check in is not available.	Speedy Boarding is included for passengers who have purchased extra leg room or up front seats.	Advanced seat selection and extra leg room seats: £0.99 - £15.99.	N/A	1st 20kg bag: £11-21 (online), £30 (airport), £45 (boarding gate). Excess charges: £3 per kg (online), £10 per kg (airport).	Small equipment: £30 (online), £40 (airport). Large equipment: £35 (online), £45 (airport).	Available for purchase on board.	Cancellation fee: £30. Name/ flight change: £35 (online), £40 (airport). Rescue fee: £65. APD refund fee: No charge.	2% per booking.
Emirates	1 x 55x38x20 cm plus a small amount of duty free.	Included in ticket price.	N/A	Standard seating can be requested free of charge.	30 kg per passenger.	Extra 5kg: £113. Extra 10 kg: £225.	Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive allowance. Standard excess charges apply.	Meal and/or refreshments included appropriate for length of journey.	On board Wi-Fi: 2.75 USD per phone, 7.50 USD per tablet. Free on A380's.	No charge.
<u>Flybe</u>	1 x 55x40x23 cm and 10 kg.	Included in ticket price.	N/A	Standard seats: £6.50 (online), £8 (phone/airport). Extra leg room: £15 (online), £16 (phone/airport).	N/A	1 st bag at 15 kg: £16.50 (online), £18 (phone). 20 kg: £17 (online), £20 (phone), £40 (airport). 23kg: £22 (online).	Equipment: £30 (phone/ airport) e.g. bikes or surf boards.	Available for purchase on board.	Ticket / route change: £35 (online), £40 (phone/airport). Call centre booking fee: £8. APD refund fee: £25.	3% per booking.

Airline	Cabin bag dimensions	Check in	Priority boarding	Advanced seat selection	Inclusive Luggage Allowance	Baggage Fees / Excess Fees	Sports / Music equipment	Meals / refreshment s	Other charges	Credit card charges
Jet2.com	1 x 56x45x25 cm and 10kg.	Airport check in is £15 for passenger who check in luggage.	N/A	Seat selection: from £4 (online). Extra leg room: from £10 (online). Prices vary on route.	N/A	22kg: from £10 (online) price varies on route. Passengers who check bags must also pay for airport check in: £15.	Equipment e.g. golf clubs or skis: from £30 (online).	Available for purchase on board. Meals can be pre ordered from £6.50 (online).	Boarding pass re issue fee: £17.50 (for passengers who check in online but don't bring a printed copy) PayPal: 2% per booking. APD Refund fee: £25 per booking.	2.5% per booking.
<u>KLM</u>	55x25x35 cm plus one personal item e.g. laptop. Total weight 12 kg.	Included in ticket price.	N/A	Standard seat selection is included in ticket price. Extra leg room: 20-90 EUR (online). Comfort seats: 10-160 EUR (online).	LH - <u>1 x 23</u> <u>kg bag.</u> SH – N/A	SH – 1 st 23kg bag: 15 EUR (online). 2nd 23kg bag: 56 EUR (online), 70 EUR (airport). Overweight bag: 70 EUR (airport).	Over standard luggage allowances are charged individually e.g. bikes: 100 EUR (airport).	Meal and/or refreshments included appropriate for length of journey.	Western Union payment fees apply.	£4.50 per passenger.
<u>Lufthansa</u>	55x40x23 cm and 10 kg plus one personal item - 30x40x10 cm.	Included in ticket price.	N/A	Standard seat: 25 EUR (online). Extra leg room: 50-90 EUR (online).	1 x 23 kg bag.	Overweight: 50-100 EUR. Oversized: 100-200 EUR. Overweight + oversized: 150-300 EUR.	Over standard luggage allowances are charged individually from 50 EUR.	Meal and/or refreshments included appropriate for length of journey.	PayPal: no charge.	£4.50 per booking.
Monarch Charter (MONXXX)	1 or 2 pieces with a combined size and weight: 56x40x25 cm and 5 kg plus one small bag of duty free.	Online check in is only available for passengers who purchase allocated seats.	N/A	Standard seat allocation SH: £8. LH: £10.	1 x 20 kg bag is usually included. Passengers should check with their tour operator.	Extra 3kg SH: £37.50 LH: £50	Up to 25kg: £25 (airport only). 25-32kg: £35 (airport only).	Available for purchase on board. Meals can be pre ordered from £7.99 (online).	PayPal: no charge. ADP refund fee: £25.	2% of total or £5 per booking whichever is highest.
Monarch Scheduled (ZBXXX)	1 or 2 pieces with a combined size and weight: 56x40x25 cm and 10 kg plus one small bag of duty free.	Included in ticket price Online check in is only available for passengers who purchase allocated seats.	N/A	Standard seats: £2.99-9.99 (online). Extra leg room: £4.99-32.99 (online).	N/A	<u>£9 - £30 for 15kg can</u> <u>be pooled between</u> <u>multiple bags.</u> <u>Excess SH - £10/kg,</u> <u>LH/MH - £15/kg, USA</u> <u>and Dominican: 20</u> <u>USD/kg.</u>	Golf clubs, bikes, skis 20kg: £24.99 (online), £30 (airport).	Available for purchase on board. Meals can be pre ordered from £7.99 (online).	PayPal: no charge. Name change: £100 (online), £120 (phone). Time/date change: £35 (online), £40 (phone). APD refund fee: £25.	2% of total £5 per booking whichever is highest.

Airline	Cabin bag dimensions	Check in	Priority boarding	Advanced seat selection	Inclusive Luggage Allowanc e	Baggage Fees / Excess Fees	Sports / Music equipment	Meals / refreshments	Other charges	Credit card charges
Norwegian Air Shuttle	55x40x23 cm and 10 kg plus one personal item which must fit under the seat.	Included in ticket price.	Fast track: £10.	Standard seats: £7-25.	N/A	1 x 20 kg bag: £7-50 depending on route and if purchased online or airport. Excess: £9 per kg.	Snow / golf 20kg: £20-33 (online), £30-54 (airport). Bikes / surfboards 25kg: £30-50 (online), £40-60 (airport). Musical instruments 20kg: £30-54 (online).	Available to purchase on board.	Ticket change: £36-75. Name change: £36. Call centre booking	1.99% per booking.
Ryanair	55x40x20 cm and 10kg and one personal item 35x20x20 cm.	Airport check in: £70 Online check in: 2hrs-7days before departure included in fare. Online check in 7- 30 days before departure is available for passengers who have paid for advance seat selection.	From £2 (online), from £4 (airport). Also included with premium seat allocation S.	Premium seat (inc priority boarding): from £10 (online), from £15 (airport). Regular seat: from £5 (online), from £7 (online). Check in 7-30 days is also included for passengers who pay for seat allocations.	N/A	1st or 2nd x 15 kg bag: £15-£25 (online), £30-70 (airport/ phone). 1st or 2nd x 20 kg bag: £25-45 online), £40-75 (airport/ phone). Excess fee: £10 per kg.	Up to 20kg: £50 (online), £60 (airport).	Available to purchase on board.	Boarding card reissue: £15 (for passengers who have checked in but cannot produce their boarding pass). Flight change: £30-60 (online), £45-90 (airport). Call centre booking fee: £20 per booking. Name change fee: £110 (online), £160 (airport, phone) APD refund fee: £17 per passenger.	2% per booking.
SAS	55x40x23 cm and 8 kg plus a personal e.g. laptop and small bag of duty free.	Included in ticket price.	N/A	Standard seats: free of charge 22 hours before departure. Preferred seats SH: 12 EUR (online), LHs: 35 EUR (online).	1 x 23 kg bag.	2nd and 3rd bags from 51 EUR (online), 66 EUR (airport). Overweight bags: from 30 EUR (airport).	Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive allowance. Standard excess charges apply.	Tea and coffee are included, snacks / refreshments are available to purchase.	Name change: 60 EUR (phone).	No charge.

Airline	Cabin bag dimensions	Check in	Priority boarding	Advanced seat selection	Inclusive Luggage Allowance	Baggage Fees / Excess Fees	Sports / Music equipment	Meals / refreshments	Other charges	Credit card charges
Swiss Airlines	55x40x23 cm and 8kg plus one personal item e.g. laptop.	Included in ticket price.	N/A	Seat preferences can be made when booking e.g. aisle or window. Seats can be selected free of charge 48 hours before departure.	1 x 23 kg bag.	2nd bag: 75-150 EUR. Oversize bag: 100- 200 EUR. Overweight bag: 50-100 EUR. Oversize and overweight bag: 150-300 EUR.	Prices vary on length of journey and equipment. Bikes / golf: 50-100 EUR. 1 ski bag is carried free of charge: 2nd and subsequent: 50-100 EUR.	Meal and/or refreshments included appropriate for length of journey.	72 hour fare lockdown: £17 per booking.	£4.50 per ticket.
Thomas Cook Airlines	1 x 55x40x20 cm and 6 kg.	Online check in is included but conditions may vary for holiday bookings, check with your tour operator.	N/A	SH: from £6.50, MH: from £9.50, LH: from £14. Children half price.	Some package holidays may include hold luggage, passengers are advised to check with their travel agent. From May 2015 all LH will include 20 kg.	1 x 20 kg bag: SH - £19 (online), £39 (phone), MH - £22 (online), £48 (phone), LH (ex USA) - £28 (online), £48 (phone). USA flights - 23 kg bag £50 (online), £70 (phone).	Varies depending on item, e.g. golf club 15 kg: £60 per return trip. Ski/snowboard equipment: £70 per person per return trip.	SH: £6.50 (online), MH: £9 (online), LH: £11 (online). Children half price.	Name or flight change: short and MH over 25 hours before departure or LH over 80 hours before departure - £35 + fare difference (online), £55 + fare difference (phone).	2% per booking.
Thomson Airways	55x40x20 cm and 5 kg for flight only bookings and 7 kg for some holiday bookings.	Included in ticket price.	N/A	From £7.50. Premium seating from £149.	Some package holidays may include 15 or 20 kg hold luggage, passengers are advised to check with their travel agent. Most ski flights include 15 kg per passenger.	Excess: short/MH - £13 per kg (airport), LH: £18 per kg (airport).	Equipment should be booked at least two months in advance.	SH: food and drinks can be purchased on board. LH: meals are included in the ticket price. Refreshments on sale on all flights.	Minor name changes: £50, surname/ passenger/ passenger type: £50-100% of fare. Date/ flight time/ airport/ duration: from £30+50% of fare - 100% of fare. Price depends on how many days until departure.	2% per booking max of £95.

Airline	Cabin bag dimensions	Check in	Priority boarding	Advanced seat selection	Inclusive Luggage Allowance	Baggage Fees / Excess Fees	Sports / Music equipment	Meals / refreshments	Other charges	Credit card charges
<u>United</u> <u>Airlines</u>	22x35x56 cm and one personal item: 22x25x43 cm plus a small bag of airport shopping.	Included in ticket price.	Available for Premier Access customers.	Seats are allocated free of charge at check in.	1 x 23 kg bag.	2nd 23 kg bag: 100 USD. Oversized bags: 200 USD. Overweight bags: 200- 400 USD.	Bikes and other sporting equipment: 150- 200 USD.	Meal and/or refreshments included appropriate for length of journey.	Western Union payment: £10 per transaction. Premier Access/ Airport lounge: 48 USD. Spelling mistakes can be corrected free of charge, large mistakes must be substantiated e.g. marriage certificate.	No charge.
Virgin Atlantic	1 x 23x36x56 cm and 10 kg.	Included in ticket price.	Included in Premium fares.	Seats allocated free of charge at check in. Exit row seats: £50-90. Extra leg room: £35-50. Seat plus: £60- 199.	1 x 23 kg bag.	2nd 23kg bag: £55 (online), £65 (airport). 3rd bag + : £120 (online), £140 (airport). Overweight/sized: £40 (airport).	Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive luggage allowance, standard excess fees apply.	Meals and refreshments are included.	Fare locker: £10. Paper tickets: £25. Upgrades: £10-5000. Guest list package: from £240. APD refund fee: £30.	1.5% of booking.
Wizz Air	Small cabin bag' included in fare: 42x32x25 cm. 'Large cabin bags' 56x45x25 cm: £9-15 (online), £28 (airport). Only 1 bag per person, either large or small.	Airport check in: £8 (online), £25 (airport) Online check in: free.	£3 (online), £6 (airport).	Standard seats: £6.50-14. Extra space: £10-11.59. XXLong: £12 (airport).	N/A	£13-39 per 32kg bag (online), £51 (airport).	£24 (online/phone), £51 (airport).	Available to purchase on board.	Call centre booking fee: £8.12. Seat protection fee: £63.77. Flight change: £15-44.06. Flex fee: £8. Invoice change: £4. SMS confirmation: £1.30. Name change: £36 (online), £47.54 (phone). Missed departure: £56. On arrival guarantee: £8	No charge.