

This table was last updated in February 2025, and we will endeavour to periodically check it for accuracy and, if necessary, republish it. While every effort has been made to ensure the information is correct, make sure you check with the airline for the most up to date charges before you purchase your ticket.

If you notice any errors, omissions or changes to the information set out below, please contact us at AirPassengerRights@caa.co.uk and we will endeavour to update the data as soon as possible.

Prices are per passenger per one way flight unless otherwise stated.

Airlines featured in the tables are:

Aer Lingus, American Airlines, British Airways, easyJet, Emirates, Jet2, KLM, Lufthansa, Qatar Airways, Ryanair, TUI Airways, United Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, Vueling Airlines, and Wizz Air.

Comparing airline fees for optional extras and other charges

When buying airline tickets, there are generally two key aspects to consider:

1. The airfare (or 'headline price') and any additional taxes or surcharges; and
2. The cost of optional extras and other optional charges.

The table below sets out a comparison of optional extras and charges, so that you can compare these on a like for like basis to help you make an informed decision on the best option for you. 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 the airline you choose to fly with.

In general, it is cheaper to book earlier, and/or travel at less popular times. Airfares also vary – sometimes significantly – between different airlines. This can reflect the differences between airlines' business models. Some airlines include services such as hold baggage or allocated seating as standard in their airfares, whilst others do not and charge extra for these. Shopping around and comparing the airfares and any optional additional services offered by different airlines should help you find the best option for you.

The final price must include unavoidable fees and charges and must be indicated to you at the end of the booking process. The airline should provide a breakdown showing the base airfare and separately the amount it charges for taxes (e.g. UK Air Passenger Duty, generally applicable to passengers aged 16 or over departing from the UK); Airport charges (e.g. Airport development fee); other charges, surcharges or fees (e.g. fuel surcharge).

Charges for optional extras and charges incurred when booking.

The table below provides information on optional extras which may be applied to your airfare, depending on your requirements. When viewed alongside the airfare, this table should help you make an informed decision on the best option for you.

The table covers the top 15 of the largest airlines in the UK based on passenger departure and arrival statistics.

Some airlines apply different pricing for long haul, mid haul and short haul services which are also shown in the table where relevant.

Glossary

Prices and fees shown are based on economy fare tickets and are per person, per flight unless otherwise stated.

N/A (not applicable) means the service may not be available or information is not provided on the airline's website.

Short haul (SH): flight time under three hours, for example, London-Paris.

Mid haul (MH): flight time between three and six hours, for example, London – Tenerife.

Long haul (LH): flight time over six hours, for example, London – New York.

Airline	Cabin bag dimensions	Check-in	Priority boarding	Advanced seat selection	Inclusive baggage allowance	Baggage fees/Excess fees/Sports equipment	Meals/Refres hments	Other charges
Aer Lingus	55x40x24 cm weighing up to 10 kg, plus one personal item - 25x33x20 cm. For Aer Lingus Regional services one bag: 48x33x20 cm weighing up to 7kg plus one personal item - 25x33x20 cm.	No charge	N/A	Standard seats: from £3.99.	Plus/Advantage/Aer Space fares within Europe: 1 x 20kg bag. Transatlantic fares (all except Saver fare): 1 x 23kg bag.	Depending on fare and routing within Europe: £5.00 - £75.00. Transatlantic fares: Saver fare: £44.99 – £54.99. All other fares: £59.99 – 69.99. Sports equipment: £40.00 per flight	LH: no charge. SH: meals and snacks are available for purchase onboard.	Change fee: £35.00 - £40.00. Name change: £80.00. Refund administration fee: £12.00.
American Airlines	56x36x23 cm, plus one personal item - 45x35x20 cm.	No charge	Free for premium fares and AA advantage members. AirPass travellers. \$9.00-\$74.00 on other fares.	Preferred seat \$4.00 - \$139.00.	Varies between different class and advantage clubs, as well as route.	Depending on fare and routing: \$35.00 - \$75.00. Sports equipment: depending on the equipment standard bag fees apply. Certain sports equipment weighing between 23kg – 32kg: \$150.	LH: no charge. On other routes food and snacks are available for purchase onboard.	Wi-Fi up to \$10.00. Major name changes: €40.00.

British Airways	56x45x25 cm, plus one personal item - 40x30x15 cm. Weighing up to 23kg per bag.	No charge	Free for premium fares.	Unless you have booked a Basic ticket (economy, hand baggage only), you can choose your seat for free when check-in opens (24 hours before departure).	No bags are included for Economy Basic. Otherwise it varies between different classes, fares and route.	Overweight bags are £65.00 per bag per flight. Sports equipment: depending on the size and weight prices vary.	LH: no charge. SH: meals and snacks are available for purchase onboard.	Name change: bookings can be cancelled for a full refund within 24 hours of booking. Spelling mistakes can be corrected for free. Wi-Fi: packages vary from £1.99 - £21.99 depending on routing (messaging is free for Executive Club members)
easyJet	45x36x20 cm. easyJet Plus members can take an additional bag: 56x45x25 cm.	No charge	Free for customers who have an easyJet Plus card, Standard Plus or FLEXI fares, or paid to add a large cabin bag to their booking.	Advanced seat selection: from £0.99 Extra legroom seats: from £7.99	N/A	15kg bag: From £6.99. 23kg bag: from £9.49. Additional weight for pre-booked hold luggage up to a maximum of 32kg: £15.00 per 3kg. Small sports equipment: £37.00. Large sports equipment: £45.00.	Meals and snacks are available for purchase onboard.	Cancellation fee within 24 hours of booking: £49.00. Name change: £55.00. Spelling mistakes and title changes can be corrected for free. Infant charge: £25.
Emirates	55x38x22 cm weighing up to 7kg.	No charge	N/A	Regular, Preferred or Twin seats can be chosen for free when online check-in opens (48 hours before departure). Advance seat	20kg to 35kg depending on the fare purchased. Passengers can check-in as many bags as they would like up to their weight allowance	Overweight bags: \$15.00 - \$50.00 per kg depending on routing. Sports equipment: depending on the equipment standard bag fees apply.	Included	Name Change: \$30.00 for direct bookings. Free corrections for minor name errors. No charges apply where the point

				selection from \$7.00.	(up to 32kg per bag).			of sale is the UK.
								Wi-Fi: packages vary from \$2.99 - \$19.99.
Jet2	56x45x25 cm weighing up to 10kg and an additional small personal item (such as a handbag or laptop bag).	No charge	N/A	Prices vary depending on location and route.	N/A	At the airport from £45.00. Online prices vary depending on route. Musical equipment: £30.00	Meals and snacks are available for purchase onboard.	Name change: £40.00. Spelling mistakes (up to three letters) can be corrected for free. Flight change: £40.00 plus any difference in fare.
KLM	55x35x25 cm, plus one personal item – 40x30x15 cm with a combined weight of up to 12kg.	No charge	Free for premium fares.	Standard seats can be chosen for free during check-in. Prices vary depending on route, time and Flying Blue level.	No bags are included for Light tickets. For Standard and Flex tickets 1x23kg. On selected routes you are able to bring one additional bag.	Extra baggage: Flights within Europe: €25.00 – €75.00. Intercontinental flights: €30.00 - €240.00. Oversized baggage: Flights within Europe: €75.00 - €100.00 Intercontinental flights: €100.00 – €300.00	LH: Included SH: Snack and a drink are included.	Spelling mistakes and title changes can be corrected for free. Flight change: Within Europe: €70.00 Intercontinental flights: €200.00 - €300.00 depending on fare.
Lufthansa	55x40x23 cm weighing up to 8kg.	No charge	Free for premium fares.	Standard seat: from €14.00. Preferred seat: from €20.00 Extra Legroom seat: from €29.00	No bags are included for Economy Light fares. Most other fares include 1x23kg.	Overweight or oversized: Within free baggage allowance: €40.00 - €240.00. Outside free baggage allowance: €100 - €440.	Flights up to 30 minutes: free chocolate. Flights up to 60 minutes: free water bottle. European flights over 60	Name change: Free of charge before ticket has been issued. Once the ticket has been issued €100.00.

						Sports equipment: Varies on route. From €70.00 - €400.00.	minutes: Meals and snacks are available for purchase. LH: Included.	Name corrections: Free of charge. Wi-Fi: packages vary from €3.00 - €25.00 depending on routing (messaging is free for Travel ID and Miles & More members on SH and MH).
Qatar Airways	50x37x25cm Economy: up to 7kg. Business and First: up to 15kg.	No charge.	Free for Silver, Gold and Platinum Members.	Economy: from \$9 – 250. Business: \$28 – \$143. Free for Economy comfort, Business comfort, Elite and First Elite tickets. Also free for Platinum and Gold Privilege Club members.	Economy: between 20kg and 35kg. Business: between 32kg - 40kg. First: between 32kg - 50kg.	Excess luggage: Within six hours of flight departure: \$40 per kg. Advance online: \$30 per kg. Large sporting items: up to 300cm (length + width + height). Africa or the Americas: Up to 23kg: \$180 Up to 32kg: \$250 All other destinations: Up to 10kg: \$150 Up to 20kg: \$200 Up to 30kg: \$250	LH: Meals included. Additional snacks available for purchase.	Name correction: Free of charge. Wi-Fi: pre- purchase online: \$8. From \$10 onboard.
Ryanair	40x20x25 cm.	Airport check-in: £55.00 (flights from Spain £30.00).	Can be purchased with additional cabin bag. At time of booking: £6.00 - £36.00. After booking: £20 - £60.	Standard seat: £4.50 - £15.50. Front seat: £7.00 - £21.00. Extra Legroom seat: £11.00 - £33.00.	N/A	Baggage fee: £11.99 - £59.99 depending on weight. Overweight baggage: £12.00 per kg. Sports equipment: £35.00 - £75.00.	Meals and snacks are available for purchase onboard.	Name change: £115.00 - £160.00. Flight change: £45.00 - £60.00. Missed departure fee: £100.00.

TUI Airways	55x40x20 cm weighing up to 10kg, plus one small personal item (handbag or laptop bag).	Reserve the right to levy a charge for airport check-in.	Included for premium seat upgrades.	Prices vary depending on route.	No bags are included for flight only bookings. Premium: 1x25kg. Package holidays: 1x20kg.	Prices vary depending on routing, to add a bag at the airport: SH/MH: 15kg - £55.00. LH: 15kg - £75.00. Overweight baggage: Advance online: £18.00 for 5kg. At the airport: SH: £14 per kg. LH: £18 per kg. Sports equipment: From £20.00.	SH/MH: Meals and snacks are available for purchase onboard. LH: Included.	Name corrections: Free of charge. Name change: £25.00 Flight change: 29 days or more before departure: 70% of original fare.
United Airlines	23x35x56 cm, plus one personal item 22x25x43 cm. SH Basic economy only one personal item is included.	\$25.00 over the phone, \$50.00 at the airport.	Free for premium fares. Can be purchased from \$24.00.	Free seat selection for all fares except Basic Economy, which charges for seat selection. Preferred seat choice from \$24.	Allowance varies between different classes, fares and route. Maximum checked baggage size: 76 cm x 52 cm x 30 cm.	Prices for overweight bags and sports equipment are calculated individually.	Soft drinks and coffee are included on all flights. Flights between 300 miles and 1,190 miles: free snacks. LH: Included.	The airline does not set out fees for name changes or name corrections.
Virgin Atlantic	23x36x56 cm weighing up to 10kg.	No charge.	Free for premium fares.	Seat can be select for free at check-in. Prices vary depending on route and seasonality.	Economy Light fares do not include checked-in baggage. All other fares include at least 1x23kg bag.	23kg: £65.00. Overweight baggage: £65.00.	Included	Name correction: Free of charge.
Vueling Airlines	Fly Light: 1 free under seat cabin bag size (40x30x20 cm). Fly* & Fly Grande: 1 free underseat cabin bag size (40x30x20 cm) and 1 piece of luggage in the overhead locker (55x40x20 cm) up to 10kg.	No charge.	Free for Space One and Space Plus seats, and Fly Grande. Also free if travelling with infant.	From €5.00 - €85.00.	Fly and Fly Grande includes 25kg checked-in baggage.	10 kg and 55x40x20cm: €40.00 - €75.00. 15kg: €10.00 - €95.00. 20kg: €14.00 - €96.00. 25kg: €18.00-€160.00. Overweight baggage: €12 per kg at check-in. Between €110.00 - €140.00 at boarding gate.	Meals and snacks available for purchase onboard.	Name correction: free of charge. Flight changes: free plus fare difference for Fly Grande, Flex Pack or TimeFlex fares.

								Other ticket types: €50.00 - €60.00.
Wizz Air	40x30x20 cm weighing up to 10kg.	Online: Free.	€0.00 - €60.00 (online).	Preferred seat: €4.00 - €60.00.	N/A	1 x10kg bag: €14.00 - €78.	Meals and snacks are available for purchase onboard.	Flight change fee: €40.00 - €50.00.
		Airport check-in: Advance: €13.00. On the day: €40.00	€65.00 (at the airport).			1 x 20kg bag: €17.00 - €93.00.		Name change: €60.00
						Baggage fee at the airport: From €70.00		Some name corrections are free of charge.
						Sports equipment: €0.00 – €65 (online) €65.00 (at the airport)		
						Excess baggage: €13 per kg.		