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Airlines in the tables are:

[Aer Lingus](#), [American Airlines](#), [British Airways](#), [easyJet](#), [Emirates](#), [Flybe](#), [Jet2](#), [KLM](#), [Lufthansa](#), [Norwegian](#), [Ryanair](#), [Thomas Cook Airlines](#), [Thomson Airways](#), [United 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 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 their websites.

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

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

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
Aer Lingus	55x40x24 cm and 10 kg plus one personal item - 25x33x20 cm. For Stobart services one bag: 48x33x20 cm and 7kg	No charge.	N/A	£9.99-66.99.	LH: 1 x 23kg bag SH: N/A.	SH/MH: 15, 20, 25, 40kg options 20 – 60 Euros for saver fares. LH: 2nd and subsequent £33-45. SH: £10. Overweight bags: £10-65. Equipment: £32 (online) or £40 (call centre / airport) per item per flight.	LH: No charge. SH: meals and snacks available to purchase onboard.	Date/Itinerary/Route change: £35-£120 plus fare difference. APD refund fee: £13.50 Name change: £80 per passenger.
American Airlines	56x36x23 cm plus one personal - 45x35x20.	No charge.	N/A.	\$4-\$139 (includes extra legroom/preferred seats).	1 x 23 kg bag.	2nd 23kg bag: \$100 Overweight bags: \$100. Oversized bags: \$100. Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive allowance. Excess charges apply, some items have individual charges e.g. bikes: \$150.	No charge on long haul flights.	Same day flight change: \$70-\$150. Wifi - \$12-\$19.
British Airways	56x45x25 cm plus one personal item 40x30x15 cm. 23kg per bag.	No charge	N/A	£7-£50.	Most fares include at least 1 x 23kg bag (some fares are hand baggage only)	23kg bag: from £25 depends on route and fare purchased. Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive allowance. Overweight bags: £65 per bag per flight.	LH – No charge, SH – available to purchase on board.	APD refund fee: £15-30. Name change: free of charge within 24 hours of booking. Spelling mistakes can be corrected without charge.
EasyJet	1 x 56x45x25 cm.	No charge	Included for passengers who have purchased extra leg room or up front seats.	Advanced seat selection and extra leg room seats: £1.99 - £29.99.	N/A	1st 15kg bag: £8.99-29.99. Oversized hand luggage: £47 at the boarding gate Additional weight: £12 per 3kg (online), £10 per kilo (airport). Small equipment: £37-£47 Large equipment: £42-£52	Available for purchase on board.	Cancellation fee within 24 hours of booking: £27 Name change: £20-52 (spelling mistakes will be corrected free of charge). Flight change fee: £17-57 plus fare difference. Rescue fee: £90. APD refund fee: No charge.

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Emirates	1 x 55x38x20 cm plus a small amount of duty free.	No charge.	N/A	Standard seats from £20.	20 or 30kg per passenger, price depends on fare type purchased.	Extra 5kg: £117. Extra 10 kg: £234 (online), £26 per kg (airport). Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive allowance. Standard excess charges apply.	Included.	On board Wi-Fi: 10MB free, then 1 USD per 500 MB
Flybe	1 x 55x35x20 cm and 10 kg plus an item which fits under the seat (also applies to Stobart, Blue Islands and Eastern Airways).	No charge	N/A	£6.50-£16.	Flybe: N/A.	1st bag at 15 kg: £19 (online) 23kg: £24 (online). 2 bags totalling 46kg: £48 (online). Equipment: £30 (phone/ airport) e.g. bikes or surf boards. Excess weight: £15 per kilo (airport only).	Available for purchase on board.	Ticket/route change: £40-45 Name change: £50. Call centre booking fee: £10. APD/Tax refund fee: £25.
Jet2.com	1 x 56x45x25 cm and 10kg.	Airport check in £15-£17.50. Online/mobile check in: no charge.	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. Excess baggage: £12 per kilo. Equipment e.g. golf clubs or skis: from £30 (online).	Available for purchase on board.	Boarding pass reissue fee: £17.50 (for passengers who check in online but don't bring a printout) APD Refund fee: £25 per booking. Flight/name change: £35.
KLM	55x25x35 cm plus one personal item e.g. laptop. Total weight 12 kg.	No charge	N/A	No charge for standard seats at check in. Prebook seats: from £4.50.	LH – 1 or 2 x 23 kg bag. SH – N/A	SH – 1st 23kg bag: 15 EUR (online). 2nd 23kg bag: 85-200 EUR (. Overweight bag: 70 EUR (airport). Over standard luggage allowances are charged individually e.g. bikes: 100 EUR (airport).	Included.	Name change e.g. spelling mistakes: no charge.

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Lufthansa	55x40x23 cm and 8 kg plus one personal item - 30x40x10 cm.	No charge.	N/A	Standard seat: €25. Extra leg room: €50-€90.	LH - 1 x 23 kg bag. SH - some hand baggage only fare are offered.	Overweight: €50-€100. Oversized: €100-€200. Overweight + oversized: €150-300. Over standard luggage allowances are charged individually from €50.	Included.	Paypal: 1.7%
Norwegian Air Shuttle	55x40x23cm plus one personal item 25x33x20cm, max combined weight 10kg.	No charge.	Fast track: £9.	Standard seats: £7-25.	N/A	1 x 20 kg bag: £8-70 depending on route and if purchased online or airport. Excess: £9 per kg. Snow / golf 20kg: £30-50 (online), £40-60 (airport). Bikes / surfboards 25kg: £30-60. Musical instruments 20kg: £33-60 (online).	Available to purchase on board.	Ticket change: £50-90 plus fare difference. Name change: £50-90. Call centre booking charge: £20. APD refund fee: £5.
Ryanair	55x40x20 cm and 10kg and one personal item 35x20x20 cm.	Mobile and online: No charge. Airport: £55.	£5 (online), £6 (airport).	Standard: £4 Leg room: £15 Upfront: £13.01	N/A	Baggage fee: £25-40. Excess fee: £10 per kilo. Sports equipment: £35-£60 (online), £40-£75 (airport). Musical instruments: £55 (online), £65 (airport). Oversized cabin baggage: £50.	Available to purchase on board.	Boarding card reissue: £20 (for passengers who have checked in but cannot produce their boarding pass). Flight change: £35-£65 (online), £50-£90 (airport). Name change: £115 (online), £160 (airport). ADP refund fee: £17. Missed departure fee: £100. Hold fare: £3.

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Thomas Cook Airlines	1 x 55x40x20 cm and 6 kg.	No charge	N/A	SH from: £7.50 , MH: from £9.50 , LHL from £20 .	20-23kg Included for long haul flights only.	For short and mid haul flights: 1 x 20 kg bag: £23-30. Sports equipment: £35-65. Extra weight: £15-90. Excess: £10-£16 per kg (airport). Oversized hand luggage: £65 (boarding gate)	£6.50 - £11.	Name and flight changes: £35 – 100% of booking.
Thomson Airways	55x40x20 cm and 5 kg for flight only bookings.	No charge	N/A	From £7.50 . Premium seating from £149 .	Flight only bookings: n/a. Package holidays: check with travel agent.	Excess: SH/MH - £13-£18 per kilo. Equipment should be booked at least two months in advance.	All flights: food and drinks can be purchased on board. Long haul only: meal included.	Minor name changes: £50, surname/ passenger/ passenger type: £50-100% of fare. Date/ flight time/ airport/ duration: from 70% - 100% of fare. Price depends on how many days until departure.
United Airlines	22x35x56 cm and one personal item: 22x25x43 cm plus a small bag of airport shopping.	No charge.	Available for Premier Access customers.	Seats are allocated free of charge at check in.	1 x 23 kg bag.	Extra 23 kg bag: 150 USD. Oversized and/or overweight: \$100-\$400/. Bikes and other sporting equipment: \$150-\$200.	Included on LH.	Premier Access/ Airport lounge: \$48. Spelling mistakes can be corrected free of charge, large mistakes must be substantiated e.g. marriage certificate.

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Virgin Atlantic	1 x 23x36x56 cm and 10 kg.	No charge	Included in Premium fares.	Seats allocated free of charge at check in. Advance selection from £30.	Economy lite fares are hand baggage only. Higher fares include 1 x 23kg bag.	2nd 23kg bag: £65 3rd bag + : £140. Oversized: £65 (airport only). Overweight: £65 (airport only). Equipment can be carried as part of the inclusive luggage allowance, standard excess and extra baggage fees apply.	Meals and refreshments are included.	Upgrades: £10-5000. Guest list package: from £240. APD refund fee: £30. Name change / mistakes corrected: free of charge (only if it's the same person travelling).
Wizz Air	55x40x23cm and 10kg.	Airport check in £9 (booked online) £27.50 (airport). Online: No charge	£4.50-£11 (online), £22.50 (airport) -	Standard seats: £1-£46.	N/A	1 x 20kg bag: £13-£54. 1 x 32kg bag: £17.50-£79. Baggage fee at the airport: £110 Sports equipment: £27.50 (online), £55 (airport). Excess baggage: £9 per kilo (airport).	Available to purchase on board.	Flight change fee: £27.50-£36.50 Name change: £41.50, misspellings free. Missed departure fee: £64.

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