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Heathrow extends cap on passenger numbers until 29 October

Heathrow will continue to limit the number of passengers departing from the airport until 29th October. The reason given is that the customer experience has improved since the introduction of the cap in July, with "fewer last-minute cancellations, better punctuality and shorter wait times for bags".



The capacity limit is currently set at 100,000 departing passengers per day and was initially imposed until 11th September. The airport will regularly review the cap, with the option to lift it earlier than anticipated if there is a "sustained picture of better resilience and a material increase in resourcing levels".

Last month Heathrow blamed disruption on a lack of airline baggage handlers and launched a review of ground handling last week. It plans to work with airlines and ground handlers to "unlock more capacity" and meet passenger demand in the coming months and years.



British Airways cuts 10,000 flights from its winter schedules

British Airways has announced it will cut another 10,000 flights from its schedule (5,000 round trips) from 30th October. The cuts are in addition to those already announced from the summer schedules. The flights which are being cut will be predominantly on routes which have multiple frequencies, allowing flyers to be moved onto those other flights, the airline said in a statement.

The purpose of the cancellations is to minimise last minute disruption, and is a recognition that labour shortages are likely to continue into 2023.

EU delays introduction of ETIAS system to November 2023

The introduction of the European Union's new ETIAS travel system for non-EU visitors has been pushed back by six months and is now due to launch in November 2023. The European Travel Information and Authorisation System was previously scheduled to start from May 2023. But the European Commission has confirmed on its website that ETIAS is now "expected to be operational in November 2023".

Once ETIAS is in place, visitors aged between 18 and 70 from outside the EU who currently have visa-waiver status, including travellers from the UK and US, will have to apply for an ETIAS to visit any of the 26 countries in the Schengen Zone. ETIAS applicants will have to pay a €7 fee through an official website or app and once granted, each ETIAS will be valid for three years or until the expiry date of the travel document.

The system is designed to be similar to the US's well-established Electronic System for

Travel Authorisation (ESTA), which raised its fee from \$14 to \$21 earlier this year.



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- Air France to restart Paris CDG-Newark route after ten year hiatus
- Finnair to resume flights to Guangzhou on 6th September
- Malaysia Airlines launches baggage reporting and tracking solution
- Emirates to resume A380 services to Perth from 1st December
- Lufthansa pilots vote to take industrial action
- Jetblue launched its Gatwick-Boston route on 4th August
- Easyjet to launch Belfast City-Glasgow route from 31st October
- Emirates will upgrade its Manchester-Dubai to a three-times daily A380 service

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