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The Fastest and Slowest Airports to Exit Worldwide

Worldwide, travelers' median time from a plane's arrival until they are on their way is 23 minutes after domestic flights and 38 minutes – a 65% increase – after international flights.

Blacklane, a global chauffeur and airport concierge service, completed the first worldwide "seat-to-seat" analysis of travel time. The company compared when guests left airplane seats (flights' arrival times) to the times guests entered its chauffeured vehicles since August. The data comprised hundreds of thousands of flights at hundreds of airports around the world. The findings reveal:

Blacklane's research includes the total time for travelers to exit aircraft, gather luggage, clear customs and immigration, and walk to vehicles with chauffeurs. The data do not take into account nationality, priority status, age, or checked vs. carry-on luggage.

Ten of the 11 fastest airports in the world for international arriving passengers are in Europe. First is Luxembourg, where arriving international travelers need a median time of 15.5 minutes to get from the airplane into a chauffeured vehicle. Rotterdam closely follows at 16 minutes.

Many of the fastest airports are a major city's secondary airport – or smaller. Milan's second- and third largest airports, Bergamo and Linate, take just over 20 minutes for passengers to reach vehicles. London City is London's fifth-largest airport. Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport handles 40% less passenger traffic than Shanghai Pudong International Airport.

A couple of important factors for their short exit times are the smaller sizes of planes and airport terminals.

A major factor in Europe is that E.U. airports typically group E.U. and U.K. citizens together through immigration control. Many assign more immigration officers

and deploy new technology, like electronic passport scans and biometric readers, to speed these travelers through.

Conversely, five countries' largest cities have the world's slowest airports for arriving international travelers. Tokyo, Santiago, Dubai, Buenos Aires and Mexico City all take at least 52 minutes as a median time for passengers to get to their vehicles.

The slowest airport is Kansai International Airports serving Osaka. This is perhaps due in part to having the longest airport terminal in the world at 1.1 miles.

In the U.S., New York LaGuardia and Phoenix Sky Harbor got arriving travelers through the quickest and are the only two with a median time under 30 minutes. LaGuardia's international traffic comes from Canada, simplifying the immigration process for arriving travelers.

On the other side, major hubs and tourist destinations are the slowest airports for international flyers entering the U.S. Four take 50 minutes or longer. Two of these top 10 take notably longer than their smaller neighbors. San Francisco's median time is 45 minutes, compared with 31 for San Jose. Newark is 45 minutes, compared to LaGuardia's 27. JFK's median international exit time is 41 minutes. Columbus, Ohio, has the fastest median time for arriving domestic travelers to exit, at 12 minutes.

California has four airports among the fastest: San Jose, Burbank, Oakland and John Wayne (in Santa Ana). Texas also has



four: San Antonio, Austin and both Dallas airports. All of these get travelers into the car in under a 20-minute median timeframe.

Both San Jose and Austin rank on the top 10 lists for both international and domestic arrivals, with San Jose placing third and second, respectively.

The slowest airports for domestic arrivals include six that were also among the slowest for international arrivals. However, the slowest airport for domestic arrivals – Charlotte – was one of the fastest for international arrivals. In fact, arriving international passengers in Charlotte need only four more minutes than domestic arriving passengers (36 minutes vs. 32 minutes) to board their chauffeured vehicle. Las Vegas also made the list for fastest international (35 minutes) and slowest domestic (27 minutes) exit times.

Among the ranking of the 20 busiest international airports in 2018, European airports were the most efficient at getting travelers on their way. The continent had nine of the 12 fastest airports, including the top two, Munich and Frankfurt.

New York JFK is the only U.S. airport on the top 20 list and it comes in 13th place at 41 minutes. A higher volume of international passengers does not necessarily mean a longer exit time. For example, Frankfurt had 61.8 million international passengers and Munich had 36.5 million, but Frankfurt passengers took only three minutes longer to exit. These airports also handle a varying percentage of international travelers who connect through a hub versus arriving at their final destinations.

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Santa Fe Ranks High



Over the past year, Santa Fe County, New Mexico, has been a bustling tourist destination, with double-digit lodgers tax increases, increases in social media engagement and increases in web traffic. Additionally, the Santa Fe area was recently rated a Top 14 U.S. Travel Destination for 2019 by Forbes Magazine.

"People are coming to the Santa Fe area in record numbers," said Katherine Miller, County Manager. "Tourism to the area has seen double digit increases over last year, and that's largely because of the incredible cultural and outdoor recreation offerings available to visitors. In the 1980s and 1990s, we had a heyday for tourism, as everyone had howling coyotes and southwestern décor. Today's increases are with younger travelers flocking to Santa Fe for experiential tourism, cultural travel, and outdoor adventures."

Compared to Fiscal Year 2017, Santa Fe County's lodgers' tax was up by over 23 percent in Fiscal Year 2018, and unique visitor web traffic to santafenmtrue.com has increased by 27 percent from 2017 to 2018. Social media has shown significant success as well, with 27 percent growth on Facebook.

Visitors to the Santa Fe area can not only enjoy the world-class art for which Santa Fe is widely known (designated as an UNESCO City of Crafts and Folk Art as well as a City of Design), but also immersion into culture with visits to explore ancient pathways to ruins of northern New Mexico's ancestral Pueblo people; Discovering National Monuments, National Historical Parks, and famous landmarks, museums and trading posts. Additionally, active travelers will find a vast array of outdoor adventures, including hiking, biking, skiing, horseback riding, backpacking, fishing, golfing, and off-roading.

For more information on Santa Fe County, visit santafenmtrue.com.

Best Value Beach Destinations for 2019



Vrbo, a booking site, released its list of destinations where seaside summer fun can be had for less, based on its vacation rental demand data. Domestically, great deals can be found in popular seaside destinations like Myrtle Beach, while multiple playitas bonitas in Spain topped the international list.

To get the list, Vrbo looked at the most popular international and domestic beach destinations for travelers in 2018, pulling the average daily rates paid for vacation rentals to identify the places where travelers got the most value.

Vrbo's top value beach destinations:
Domestic (average price/night/person/USD)

1. Myrtle Beach, S.C. - \$54
2. Harrison County, Miss. - \$55
3. Corpus Christi & Port Aransas, Tex. - \$60
4. Cocoa Beach & Cape Canaveral, Fla. - \$60

5. South Padre Island, Tex. - \$62

International (average price/night/person/USD)

1. Alicante, Spain - \$43
2. Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain - \$44
3. Las Palmas, Spain - \$46
4. Palermo, Italy - \$48
5. Limon, Costa Rica - \$49

Vrbo also ranked its most popular beach destinations from coast to coast. Three Hawaiian Islands were among the top choice for travelers on the West Coast, while Florida ranked with just as many for the East Coast.

Vrbo's most popular beach destinations:
West Coast (average price/night/person/USD)

1. Orange County, Calif. - \$83
2. Hawaii, Hawaii - \$85
3. San Diego, Calif. - \$90
4. Kauai, Hawaii - \$105

5. Maui, Hawaii - \$107

East Coast (average price/night/person/USD)

1. Myrtle Beach, S.C. - \$54
2. Panama City Beach, Fla. - \$63
3. Gulf Shores, Ala. - \$69
4. Fort Walton Beach, Fla. - \$77
5. Miramar & Rosemary Beach, Fla. - \$86

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