

# traveling by air tips, tricks & debunked myths

While booking a flight might be stressful, you can alleviate many of your travel woes by having the right information. Use these great facts to make smart travel decisions booking your next flight!

## TOP 10 BUSIEST AIRPORTS

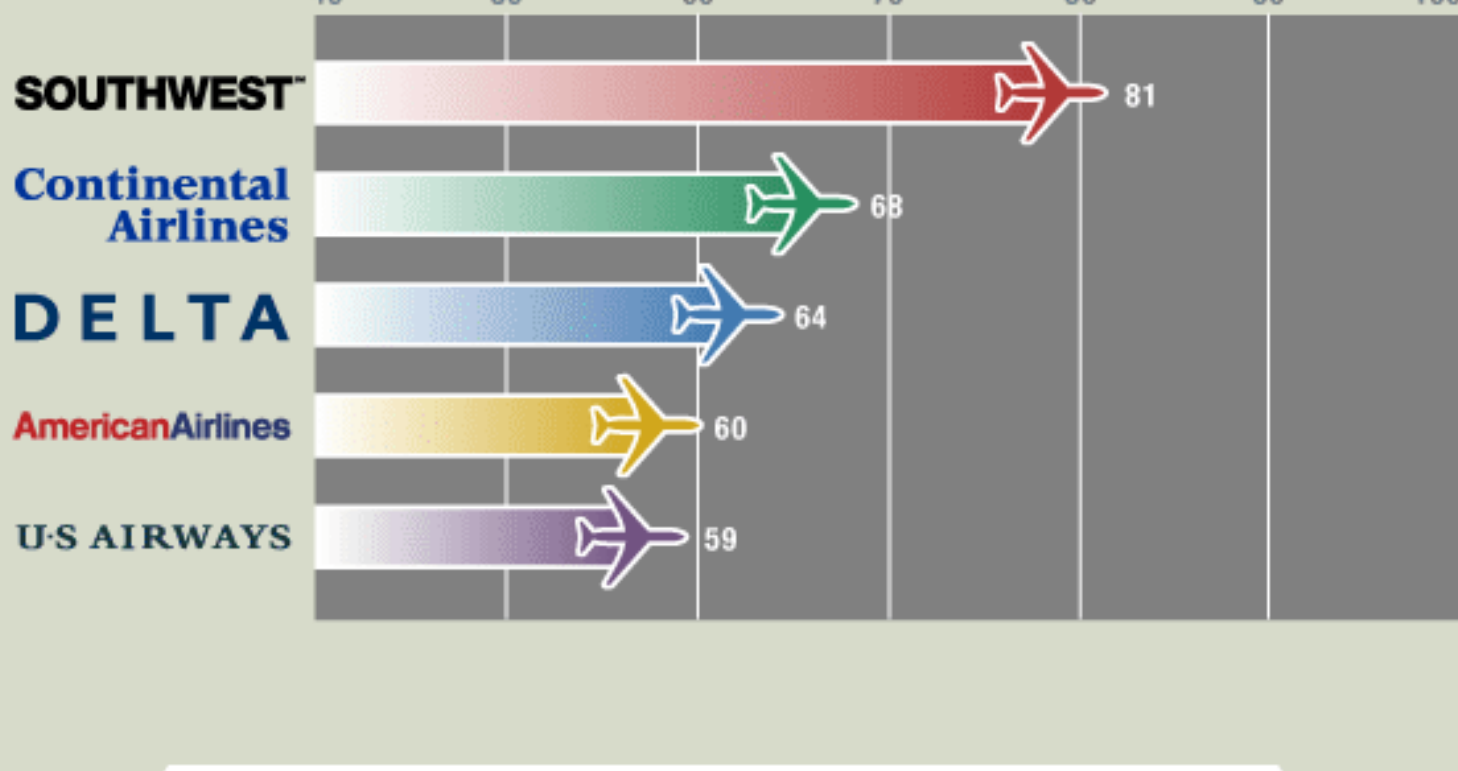


## ANNUAL AIRPORT STATISTICS

| Rank | Airport                                  | Destinations Served | Countries Served | Passengers | Airlines Served | Continents Served |
|------|--|---------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1.   | Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International | 257                 | 54               | 59.8M      | 18              | 6                 |
| 2.   | O'Hare International                     | 221                 | 50               | 44.6M      | 34              | 4                 |
| 3.   | Los Angeles International                | 247                 | 58               | 39.5M      | 50              | 6                 |
| 4.   | Dallas/Fort Worth International          | 208                 | 43               | 38.0M      | 20              | 4                 |
| 5.   | Denver International                     | 147                 | 19               | 35.2M      | 19              | 3                 |
| 6.   | John F. Kennedy International            | 218                 | 71               | 31.1M      | 43              | 6                 |
| 7.   | George Bush Intercontinental             | 113                 | 40               | 27.3M      | 16              | 4                 |
| 8.   | McCarran International                   | 139                 | 34               | 26.3M      | 28              | 4                 |
| 9.   | San Francisco International              | 154                 | 34               | 26.0M      | 37              | 5                 |
| 10.  | Phoenix Sky Harbor International         | 140                 | 18               | 25.9M      | 21              | 3                 |

## MOST POPULAR AIRLINES

based on customer satisfaction rating out of 100

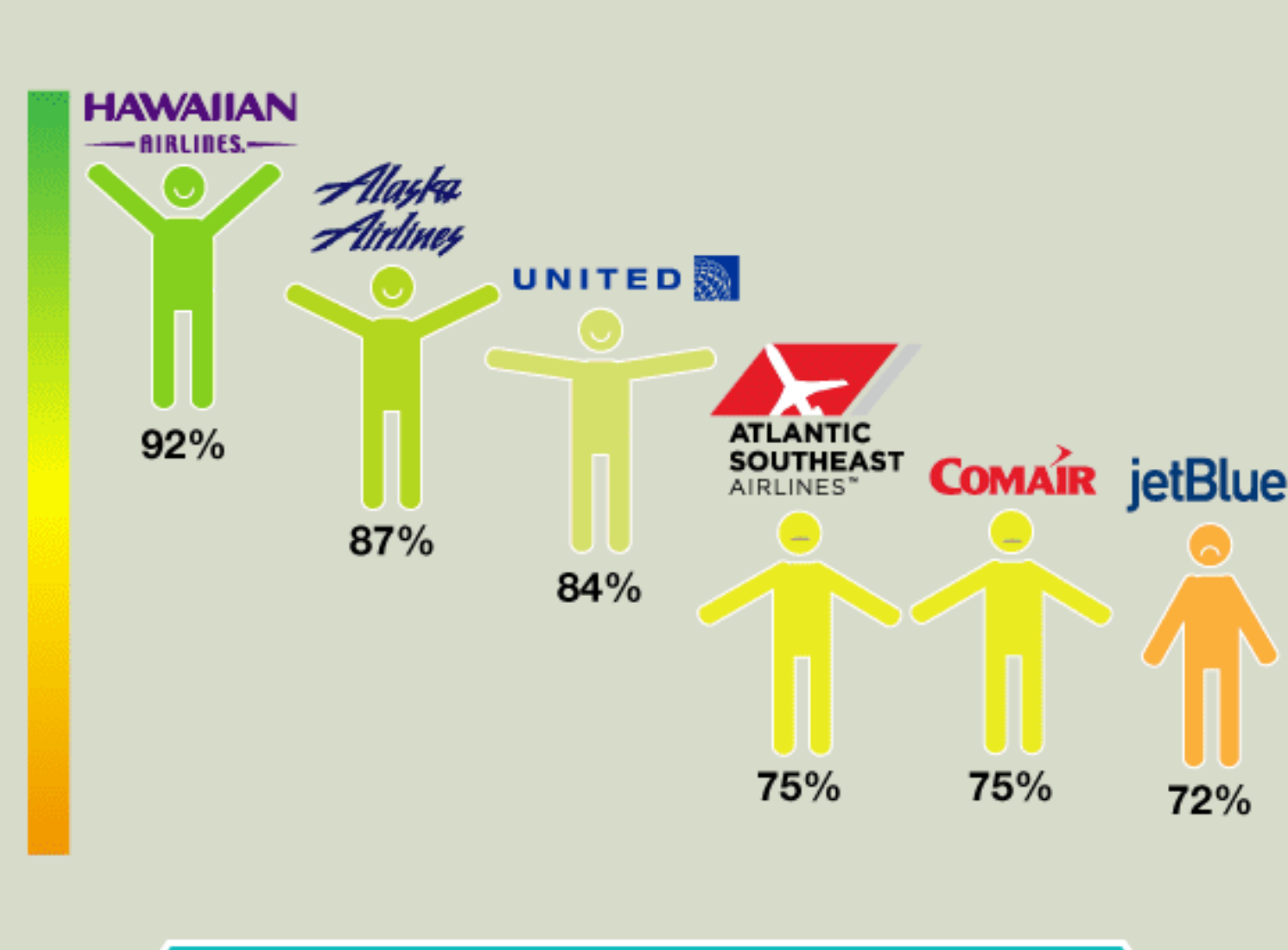


## AMERICA'S COSTLIEST AIRLINES

based on checked baggage fees and overweight bag fees

| Rank | Airline              | Domestic Baggage Fees                                  | Overweight/Oversize Baggage Fees  |
|------|----------------------|--|---|
| 1    | UNITED               | 1st Bag: \$25<br>2nd Bag: \$35<br>3rd Bag: \$100       | 51-70 lbs: \$100<br>71-99.9 lbs: \$200<br>62+ inches: \$100   |
| 2    | American Airlines    | 1st Bag: \$25<br>2nd Bag: \$35<br>3rd Bag: \$100       | 51-70 lbs: \$60<br>71-100 lbs: \$100<br>62-125 inches: \$150  |
| 3    | FRONTIER AIRLINES    | 1st Bag: \$20<br>2nd Bag: \$20<br>3rd Bag: \$50        | 51-100 lbs: \$75<br>63-110 inches: \$75   |
| 4    | Continental Airlines | 1st Bag: \$25<br>2nd Bag: \$35<br>3rd Bag: \$100-\$200 | 51-70 lbs: \$200<br>63-80 inch: \$100-\$200<br><small>Continental will not accept luggage over 70 lbs as checked baggage.</small> |
| 5    | DELTA                | 1st Bag: \$25<br>2nd Bag: \$35<br>3rd Bag: \$125       | 51-70 lbs: \$90<br>71-100 lbs: \$175<br>63-80 inches: \$175   |

## ON-TIME AIRLINE PERFORMANCES



## AIRPLANE FLIGHT MYTHS

**MYTH: Flushing while sitting can suction you to the toilet seat.**



Reuters once reported that a female passenger had filed a complaint about being stuck to the Scandinavian Airlines toilet seat; this was later discovered to be fictitious.

**MYTH: Breast implants burst above a certain altitude.**



Breast implants are rumored to explode at high altitudes; the idea is that atmospheres or extremely high or low air pressure cause them to burst.

**MYTH: Killer spiders lurk under toilet seats.**



The rumor of deadly spiders being found underneath an airplane toilet seat was started through a prank e-mail. It warned everyone of the arachnius gluteus or South American Blush Spider.

**MYTH: Joining the Mile High Club is illegal.**



According to the Civil Aviation Authority, no specific laws govern the matter, but participants can potentially expose themselves to public complaints and lawsuits.

## BEST AND WORST TIMES TO TRAVEL

**Best time to travel:**



Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Saturdays: these are typically the least expensive days to fly.

February

March

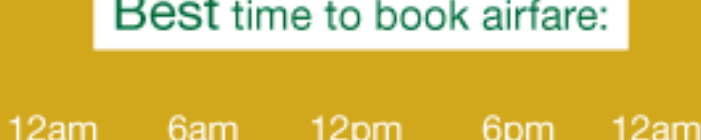
February-March is a great time to travel since they are transitional months.

**Worst time to travel:**

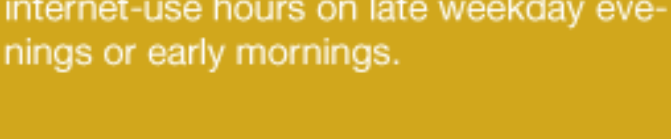
~~Weekends~~

~~Holidays~~

**Best time to book airfare:**



Off-peak hours: book flights at off-peak internet-use hours on late weekday evenings or early mornings.



Tuesdays (airfare sales normally run Tuesday through Thursday)

**Worst time to book airfare:**

~~Saturdays~~

~~Sundays~~

**Don't plan too far ahead:**

You are best off waiting until 6 weeks or so before your departure date to maximize your savings when booking your flight.



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