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Lufthansa bucks the trend with passenger growth in UK & Ireland

Lufthansa has defied all the odds by announcing a substantial increase in passengers in the UK and Ireland during 2010.

Figures released today show the airline carried over four million passengers to and from the UK and Ireland - up 12.4 per cent on the figures for 2009. The figures also show that Lufthansa's growth in the UK and Ireland is more than double the passenger airline's average increase for the year.

Announcing the record year, Marianne Sammann, Lufthansa's General Manager UK & Ireland, said: "Our passenger growth out of the UK and Ireland is exceptional, especially at a time when many airports are reporting a drop in overall passenger numbers for the year as a result of the challenges the industry faced during 2010. It proves that huge numbers of travellers still want the added value they receive from a full service airline. They like to know the ticket cost includes good quality food and drink on board the aircraft as well as allowing them to check-in at the airport and take a reasonable amount of luggage at no extra cost.

"Our UK and Ireland passengers continue to take advantage of the excellent onward connections we offer through our hubs at Frankfurt, Munich and Düsseldorf. In 2010 the number of UK and Ireland passengers travelling on to the Middle East increased by more than 66 per cent with onward connections within Europe also up almost a fifth. Lufthansa offers minimum onward connection times from just 35 minutes, making it a real and attractive alternative to other major hubs."

Among Lufthansa's most popular onward destinations from the UK and Ireland in 2010 were Vienna, Barcelona, Nuremberg, Mumbai, Lagos, Seoul, Delhi, Tokyo, Tel Aviv, Beijing, St Petersburg, Jeddah, Osaka and Graz.

A total of 90.2 million passengers flew with the airlines in the Lufthansa Passenger Airline Group. Of the total, 58.9 million flew with Lufthansa Passenger Airlines, an increase of 5.9 per cent compared to 2009 figures.

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