

Dubai reports record +15% rise in traffic to 7.6m in July

Dubai International has smashed all previous traffic records in July after generating a 14% increase in passenger numbers to 7,616,792 in July 2016, according to figures released by Dubai Airports today.



Dubai Airports adds that it handled a total of 48.1m passengers (+7%) in the first seven months of this calendar year, with Eastern Europe the fastest growing passenger source market in July, up 33.4%, followed by Asia (+20.8%), the Indian subcontinent (+17.1%), GCC region traffic (+16.2%) and North America (+13.9%).

INDIAN PASSENGERS LED THE REST

Dubai Airports said: "Traditionally a strong market, India was the top destination country with 990,213 passengers, followed by the UK (573,025 passengers), and Saudi Arabia (475,841). London, Doha, Mumbai, Kuwait and Bangkok headed the list of the most popular destinations served from DXB.



Dubai Airport Concourse D2.

"Aircraft movements during July reached 35,832, up 5.8 per cent compared to 33,855 recorded during July 2015. Year to date flight movements totalled 243,035 compared to 231,081 aircraft movements recorded during the same period last year, an increase of 5.1 per cent.

"The passengers per movement remained at world-beating levels at 220 during July as DXB's rising ratio of wide-bodied aircraft continues to drive airport efficiency."

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BUSIEST SUMMER IN DUBAIS HISTORY

Paul Griffiths, CEO of Dubai Airports added that this summer has been the busiest in the airport company's history, having handled average daily traffic of 'a quarter of a million passengers' across Dubai Airport's three terminals.

Paul Griffiths Dubai Airports.

He added: "We are pleased as much with the growth as we are with the way we managed service levels by implementing detailed operational plans, boosting staff levels, intensifying communication efforts with our business partners and customers during the peak period."

There is also a lot more to come as Dubai gets ready to welcome another wave of passengers in the second week of August when millions observe the Islamic festival of Eid Al Adha and perform the annual pilgrimage of Hajj.

Meanwhile the airport is also planning to stage several 'exciting activities' aimed at entertaining its passengers, while it hopes to 'delight' them at the same time with gifts and prizes in conjunction with its Hangout@DXB campaign which is aimed at trying to persuade more passengers to arrive early to enjoy all the fun.