

Revealed: World's Top 10 safest airlines

AirlineRatings.com

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Qantas A380 flies over Sydney, Australia. Australian flag carrier Qantas Airways has posted a record £1.5bn loss for the last fiscal year (AP)

Qantas has been ranked the safest airline in the world, with "a fatality-free record in the jet era", by AirlineRatings.com.

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The aviation website monitors 449 airlines around the world, and its list is based on aviation governing body audits and airline incident records, among other factors.

The Top 10 safest airlines, with the remaining nine airlines following Qantas in alphabetical order, are as follows: Qantas

- Air New Zealand
- British Airways
- Cathay Pacific Airways
- Emirates
- Etihad Airways
- EVA Air, Finnair
- Lufthansa
- Singapore Airlines

Qantas takes pole position, thanks in part to "a fatality-free record in the jet era", the website says. Its safety innovations and relatively young fleet are also cited.

AirlineRatings.com's rating system factors audits from governing bodies such as the FAA and ICAO, as well as government audits and the airline's fatality record, it says.

Its editorial team also examines each airline's operational history, incident records and operational excellence in compiling its lists.

149 of 449 airlines achieve its top seven-star safety ranking.

Almost 50 have three stars or less, however, with four airlines awarded just one star for safety - Kam Air (Afghanistan), Nepal Airlines, Scat (Kazakhstan) and Tara Air (Nepal).

All four airlines are currently [banned from flying](#) in the EU.

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2014 was a "bad year" for aviation safety, AirlineRatings.com says, with a "sickening" record of 21 fatal accidents and 986 fatalities, including those lost on flights MH370, MH17 and QZ8501.

However, it also points out that fatal accidents were at an historic low ("one for every 1.3 million flights"), and that general trends are towards fewer accidents and fatalities despite ever busier skies.

In 2014, the world's airlines carried 3.3 billion passengers on 27 million flights, it adds.