

Skytrax announces 2026 World Airline Awards winners



Singapore Airlines is named the World's Best Airline 2026 by Skytrax

[Skytrax](#) has announced the winners of the 2026 World Airline Awards, with Singapore Airlines named the World's Best Airline, followed by Qatar Airways and Cathay Pacific. The awards were presented September 18 at The Langham hotel in London.

Based on a global passenger satisfaction survey, the awards recognize travelers' preferred airlines across categories spanning cabin comfort, crew service, onboard dining and inflight entertainment. Passengers representing more than 100 nationalities participated in the 2025-2026 survey.

Winners in selected categories are listed below. The complete results are available on the [World Airline Awards website](#).

The World's Top 20 Airlines in 2026

1. Singapore Airlines
2. Qatar Airways
3. Cathay Pacific
4. ANA All Nippon Airways
5. Turkish Airlines
6. Emirates
7. Air France
8. Hainan Airlines
9. Japan Airlines
10. Korean Air

11. EVA Air
12. Qantas Airways
13. STARLUX Airlines
14. Lufthansa
15. Saudi Arabian Airlines
16. Iberia
17. Air Canada
18. Virgin Atlantic
19. Swiss Int'l Air Lines
20. Thai Airways

The World's Best Low-Cost Airlines 2026

1. AirAsia
2. Scoot
3. Vueling Airlines
4. Eurowings
5. Iberia Express
6. Volotea
7. Transavia
8. Flynas
9. Indigo
10. Allegiant Air

The World's Best Regional Airlines 2026

1. Bangkok Airways
2. Porter Airlines
3. Virgin Australia
4. Aegean Airlines
5. Azerbaijan Airlines
6. Hong Kong Airlines
7. jetBlue Airways
8. Royal Air Maroc
9. RwandAir
10. Azul Brazilian Airlines

The World's Best Airline Inflight Entertainment 2026

1. Emirates
2. Singapore Airlines
3. Cathay Pacific Airways
4. Qatar Airways
5. Virgin Atlantic

The World's Most Improved Airlines 2026

1. Egyptair
2. Air India
3. Royal Jordanian Airlines
4. American Airlines
5. Sun PhuQuoc Airways

The World's Best Independent Airport Lounges 2026

1. Chase Sapphire Lounge – LGA
2. Plaza Premium – FCO

3. Chase Sapphire Lounge – HKG
4. Plaza Premium – LHR T4
5. Capital One – JFK

The World's Best First Class Airlines 2026

1. Air France
2. Singapore Airlines
3. Lufthansa
4. Emirates
5. Cathay Pacific Airways

The World's Best Business Class Airlines 2026

1. Qatar Airways
2. Singapore Airlines
3. Cathay Pacific Airways
4. ANA All Nippon Airways
5. Hainan Airlines

The World's Best Premium Economy Class Airlines 2026

1. EVA Air
2. Emirates
3. Singapore Airlines
4. Cathay Pacific Airways
5. Virgin Atlantic

The World's Best Economy Class Airlines 2026

1. Singapore Airlines
2. Cathay Pacific Airways
3. Qatar Airways
4. EVA Air
5. ANA All Nippon Airways