



TOP TEN CARGO AIRPORTS IN FRANCE in 2004

Airport	flown	road	express
PARIS	1,740,200	n/a	n/a
TOULOUSE	46,164	n/a	17,745
MARSEILLE	40,016	10,752	33,621
EUROAIRPORT	34,235	54,076	24,239
LYON	31,988	101,254	22,813
VATRY	19,128	n/a	n/a
NICE	11,813	8,186	n/a
BORDEAUX	9,327	12,919	n/a
METZ	9,030	2,070	8,893
RENNES	8,880	634	8,808
NANTES	8,673	21,140	n/a
CHATEAUROUX	6,316	n/a	n/a
STRASSBURG	603	18,348	n/a
LILLE	328	55,459	n/a

EuroAirport achieved best results in the expresscargo sector banking on many factors such as the vicinity to a growing life science, bio-tech and medical implant industry. So does Lyon with strong ties to this sector where UPS has opened a base.

Other airports such as Marseille, Toulouse, Bordeaux, Metz and Rennes rely on industries which also favour fast shipping such as Peugeot with a logistic centre at Rennes, Airbus Industries at Bordeaux and Toulouse, the Algerian/Lybian petrol industries fuelling Marseille and car assemblies near Metz with a DHL platform. Except of Paris most French airports cannot rely on big cargo capacities on passenger flights as their mix of traffic is made up by smaller aircraft. Therefore roadfeeding to Paris as gateway for intercontinental shipments by plane in France has become the sole lifeline for most airports. Lyon is providing a striking case with 101,000 tons in trucked goods followed by Lille with 55,000 tons and a tiny share of airborne airfreight. Its proximity to Paris makes it hard to keep freighter services.

FIRST QUARTER TRAFFIC RESULTS

Passengers on Scheduled Flights	520,041	+36%
Passengers on Charter Flights	75,636	+16%
Passengers in transit/transfer	21,290	
Total Passengers	597,367	+33%

Aircraft Movements

Scheduled Flights	11,365	+11%
Charter Traffic	705	- 1%
General Cargo/Expresscargo	826	+ 3%
Business Jet Traffic	934	- 5%
General Aviation	4,174	- 3%
Total Aircraft Movements	18,604	+ 5%
General Cargo in tons	2,571	+82%
Expresscargo	5,832	- 1%
Trucked Airfreight	12,175	-11%
Total Airfreight handled	20,578	- 2%

BRITISH AIRWAYS (BA) introduced a self-service check-in kiosk when it relaunched services to London Heathrow at the EAP on 1 November 2004.

In January all three stations in AviaPartner's network that handle BA and where self-service check-in kiosk are available did very well in the airline's European Self-Service Kiosk Report. The station at EuroAirport came out on top as it managed to encourage the highest number of passengers to use this device to check in.

"By late in the decade both no-frills operators – EASYJET & RYANAIR – expect to have outpaced all the traditional legacy (flag-)carriers including the big three, Air France, British Airways and Lufthansa, to become the biggest short-haul airlines in Europe" writes Kevine Done of Financial Times.

Indeed, this may be soon the case at EuroAirport where EasyJet (EJS) is growing at a fast pace. Starting on 20 June more air services will come into effect (see chart below). The carrier did well in 2004 (10% market share) and is continuing to outperform with more than 110,000 passengers boarding its planes in the first quarter.

FLIGHT #	DESTINATION	DAY	DEP.
EJS 1081	ALICANTE	1-5	17.15
EJS 1087	ALICANTE	6	06.25
EJS 1083	ALICANTE	7	13.40
EJS 1075	BARCELONA	1-5	12.15
EZ2 1075	BARCELONA	6	12.25
EZ2 1071	BARCELONA	7	08.40
EJS 1045	NAPLES	1-5	10.15
EJS 1045*	NAPLES	6	10.30
EJS 1045*	NAPLES	7	08.50
EJS 1003	NICE	1-5	06.55
EJS 1007	NICE	1-5/7	19.20
EJS 1007	NICE	7	19.00
EJS 1065	PALMA	1,3-5	07.15
EJS 1065	PALMA	2	06.45
EJS 1067	PALMA	6	14.00
EJS 1067	PALMA	7	13.40
EJS 1053	ROME-Ciampino	1-5	15.10
EJS 1055	ROME-Ciampino	6	16.55
EJS 1057	ROME-Ciampino	7	18.40

*Naples week-end schedules will change on 13 & 14 August to early departures (day 6 at 06.15 & day 7 at 06.25). All flights are operated with Airbus A319.

Competition for Air France, Lufthansa and its affiliate SWISS is certainly getting stiffer. "However, EasyJet does not target routes flown by other carriers in the first place. Market potentials are viewed carefully before launching any new destination", says COO Ed Winter in a recent interview.



PERSONS faced with **PHYSICAL HANDICAPS** are particularly concerned when it comes to traveling. If there is no assistance available when taking any means of transportation taking a trip hardly possible? Fortunately, the travel industry is slowly waking up to their needs as it discovers their potential as customers.

Once the handicapped person has managed to overcome his or her grievance of being disabled forever, travel could again be a matter of interest as social networking, new perspectives or professional agendas may emerge. Great strides have been made to facilitate seamless transportation for the handicapped at points of origin, en-route and when arriving by airlines such as Air France.

Its **SAPHIR** service (assistance to handicapped passengers and access to information and reservation services) is a tailor-made service rendered at all airports within France including EuroAirport. Help can be requested either by phone 0820 01 2424, fax 0493 185 350 or e-mail mail.saphir@airfrance.fr. The program is taking into account the nature of mobility of each passenger meeting its requirements as follows:

Nature of Disability	Need Attendant on board	Medical Data required	Additional Services
Total/Partial Blindness	None	None	Free access of guide dog
Deafness/Muteness	None	None	Free access of service Animal
Physical Disability Adult (with/without Wheelchair) Child (unaccompanied minor)	Based on passenger's physical autonomy Within Europe: None Medium/long-range: Yes	None None	Wheelchairs offered at point of departure, transfer and arrival
Mental Disability Adult Child	Within Europe: None Medium/long-range: Yes Within Europe: None Medium/long-range: Yes	If not accompanied Within Europe: Yes If accompanied: None Medium/long-range: Yes Within Europe: None Medium/long-range: Yes	

Seeking information when in company with a guide dog or service animal is available through SAPHIR. The degree of mental and physical mobility is based on the ability handling the seat belt, and oxygen mask, taking meals and attending the toilet without assistance.

At airports SAPHIR is designed to help disabled passengers with their check-in, through passport and security controls as well as guiding them to gate for preferred boarding.



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