

Most punctual airlines of 2025: Cirium names global, regional leaders

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Dhaka: Airlines around the world faced a difficult operating environment in 2025, grappling with airspace closures, weather volatility, and aircraft availability issues. Yet, several carriers managed to outperform the industry, according to Cirium's On-Time Performance Review 2025.

Qatar Airways wins platinum award

Qatar Airways was named Cirium's Platinum Winner Airline, recognizing its overall operational excellence. The carrier achieved 84.42 percent on-time performance across nearly 200,000 flights, improving on its 2024 results.

Cirium credited the airline's ability to protect critical connections and dynamically reroute aircraft during disruptions, stating that "Qatar got

passengers where they needed to go."

Aeroméxico tops global punctuality

For the second consecutive year, Aeroméxico ranked as the world's most punctual airline based purely on OTP.



World's most punctual airline: This year's global No 1 was Mexican flag carrier Aeroméxico

It delivered 90.02 percent punctuality across 188,859 flights.

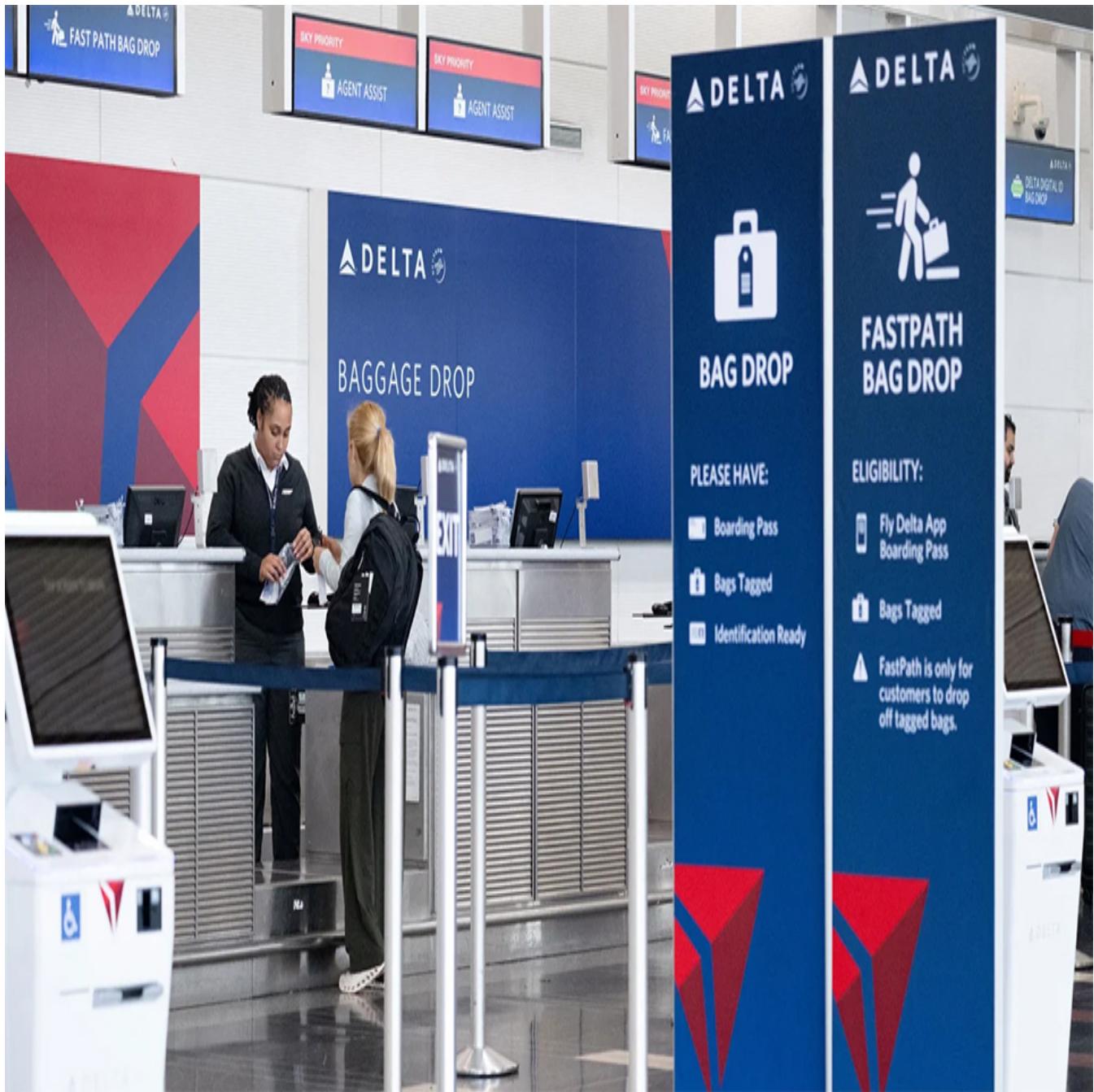
Regional airline leaders

Asia Pacific: Philippine Airlines led the region with 83.12 percent punctuality, a notable achievement given congestion at its Manila hub.



No 1 in Asia Pacific: Philippine Airlines delivered with 83.12pc punctuality across 116,268 flights

North America: Delta Air Lines ranked No 1 with 80.9 percent punctuality across more than 1.8 million flights, despite air traffic control issues and a prolonged US government shutdown.



No 1 in North America: In 2025, Delta Air Lines delivered 80.9pc punctuality across more than 1.8 million flights

Europe: Iberia Express claimed the top spot for the third straight year, achieving 88.94 percent punctuality, even amid power outages and global software disruptions.



No 1 in Europe: For the third year in a row, Spain's Iberia Express was Europe's most punctual airline

Latin America: Copa Airlines delivered 90.75 percent punctuality, reinforcing the region's growing importance in global aviation.



No 1 in Latin America: Panama's Copa Airlines achieved 90.75pc punctuality across 133,748 flights

Middle East and Africa: FlySafair of South Africa led with 91.06 percent punctuality, one of the highest scores worldwide.



No 1 in Middle East and Africa: South Africa's FlySafair achieved 91.06pc punctuality across 62,805 flights in 2025

Most improved airline

Virgin Atlantic earned Cirium's Most Improved Airline award after boosting its punctuality to 83.45 percent, a sharp rise from 74.01 percent in 2023.



Most improved airline: Virgin Atlantic upped its game by more than 9pc year-on-year, delivering 83.45pc punctuality in 2025

Cirium noted that strong on-time performance not only improves passenger satisfaction but also delivers significant cost savings, making operational reliability a critical competitive advantage in modern aviation.

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