

British airline 'Flybe' stops flying

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All flights were halted on Jan. 28 as the carrier entered insolvency. They won't be rescheduled.

"Please note that Flybe is unfortunately not able to arrange alternative flights for passengers," the company said.

Flybe advised customers who had a booking through a travel agency to contact their travel advisor.

"The intermediary may be able to support you with alternative arrangements and provide further advice regarding any claim you may need to make," Flybe said.

Customers and travel agents can monitor the U.K. Civil Aviation Authority website for further information.

British Airways, Ryanair and EasyJet have each added low fares on flights to accommodate impacted travelers.

Flybe flew a fleet of eight Bombardier Q400 propeller planes (also known as the De Havilland Dash 8) to 17 destinations in Europe, including 15 in the U.K., from bases in Birmingham, Belfast and London Heathrow.

Once the largest regional carrier in Europe, Flybe collapsed shortly after the pandemic began, but was relaunched in April 2022.

In statement on Jan. 28, David Pike, who has been appointed joint administrator for Flybe during the insolvency proceedings, said that elements of Flybe's operating platform will be preserved for a short time so that a rescue transaction remains possible.

"Unfortunately, the company had to withstand a number of shocks since its relaunch, not least of which was the late delivery of 17 aircraft which it needed for its schedule, and which has severely compromised both the airline's capacity and its ability to remain competitive," Pike said. "This has driven significant financial losses and an associated cash drain for the business."

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