

Emirates crowned world's best airline

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Dubai: Emirates has been named the 'World's Best Airline' among 90 global carriers, according to a recent study by Telegraph Travel, the airline announced on Friday (Oct 18).

The rankings were based on over 30 criteria, including punctuality, baggage allowances, route network, fleet age, home airport quality, and in-flight meal standards.

Described as a 'worthy winner,' the study said that Emirates 'ticks nearly every box, from baggage allowance to punctuality.'

Emirates operates the largest number of double-decker Airbus A380s. The Telegraph study also said Emirates' Premium economy on its A380s is the best in the sky. The airline was voted the best long-haul carrier globally by 30,000 Telegraph Travel readers.'

The study's findings were based on data from international awards,

reader polls, review websites, and expert assessments. Emirates also secured several additional accolades this year, including seven at the Skytrax World Airline Awards and top honors at the Business Traveller Middle East Awards in May 2024.

Emirates has received an additional 19 awards and recognitions this year, including seven accolades at the Skytrax World Airline Awards in June. Similarly, at the Pax International Magazine Awards in May, Emirates was crowned the winner of 'Best Inflight Entertainment and Connectivity Middle East' for its' combination of leading Wi-Fi connectivity in the sky and an extensive 6,500 channels of content on ice.

At the Business Traveller Middle East Awards in May 2024, Emirates took home top honours as 'Best Airline Worldwide' and scooped up four additional gongs for 'Airline with the Best Premium Economy Class', 'Airline with the Best First Class', 'Best Airport Lounge in the Middle East' and 'Airline with the Best Frequent Flyer Programme'. At the World Travel Awards in May, Emirates took home top accolades for 'Middle East's Leading Airline 2024', 'Middle East's Leading Airline - First Class 2024' and 'Middle East's Leading Airline Rewards Programme 2024 - Skywards'.

Emirates Skywards won the 'Global Loyalty Programme of the Year Middle East' at the International Loyalty Awards in May 2024.

Meanwhile, the March 2024 AirlineRatings.com Airline Excellence Awards gave Emirates the top spot for its 'Best-Inflight Entertainment' and 'Best Premium Economy'—an acclaimed customer experience now serving 15 destinations worldwide.

Emirates stated that it is not affiliated with any of the awards or polls used in the study and does not pay to enter or sponsor them.

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