

## **Heathrow airport**

[Heathrow airport](#) (LHR), in West London, England is the busiest airport in the UK and the busiest airport in Europe in terms of passenger traffic. It's also the third busiest airport in the world. In 2104 it handled 73.4 million passengers.

Along with Gatwick, Stanstead, Luton, Southend and London City, Heathrow is one of six areas with scheduled services serving the London area.

The airport's runways run from east to west so an airliner's landing approach usually takes it directly over the conurbation London when the wind is from the west.

But of course Heathrow airport wasn't always the world-famous aircraft-processing monster that it is today. The airport began life in 1929 as a small aerodrome called the [Great West Aerodrome](#). This airfield was created on land to the southeast of the hamlet of Heathrow – hence the airport's name. Where Terminal 1 is now there once was a 'Heathrow Farm'. The hamlet of Heathrow ran along a country lane – Heathrow Road. This road ran more or less along what is now the east and south edges of the airport's central terminals.

Heathrow's development into the airfield it eventually became began in 1944 when it was intended for long-distance military aircraft headed for the Far East. By the time it was almost complete WWII was over but the government continued to develop the airfield into a civil airport. It was opened as London Airport in 1946 and renamed as Heathrow Airport in 1966.

From those humble beginnings we now have an airport that's used by over ninety airlines flying to 170 destinations across the world. It's the primary hub for both [British Airways](#) and [Virgin Atlantic](#).

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Heathrow airport now has [five terminals](#) each of them with a wide variety of [shopping and leisure services and facilities](#).

The airport has its own press corps comprising six photographers and one TV crew to serve major newspapers and TV stations the world over.

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