

Fly to London for \$400+ (all inclusive) on Norwegian Air!

Description

Saw this on the news today and I was thinking to myself that this is too good a deal to miss, and it'll be a crime not to share!



A return trip to London typically costs about \$1000, so this sounded a little too good to be true and I decided to check it out for myself.

Outbound: Singapore - London-Gatwick							Return: London-Gatwick - Singapore							
November 2017							December 2017							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
44		1	2	3	4	5	48				1	2	3	
			239.40		239.40						258.60		258.60	
45	6	7	8	9	10	11	49	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
239.40	239.40		239.40	265.90	239.40		232.00		232.00	232.00	258.60		258.60	
46	13	14	15	16	17	18	50	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
239.40	239.40		239.40	265.90	239.40		232.00		232.00	232.00	258.60		311.80	
47	20	21	22	23	24	25	51	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
239.40	239.40		239.40	265.90	239.40		391.40		391.40	391.40	431.20		431.20	
48	27	28	29	30			52	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
239.40	239.40		239.40				391.40		391.40	391.40	351.60		391.40	

Since the flights by Norwegian would only commence in September, I tried looking at the November – December fare calendar as that would be a comfortable period for me to travel. I browsed all the way until March 2018 as they only had available flights until then, and nowhere did I see any \$199 fares?!?

The cheapest I saw was \$232, so I've no idea where the ST journalist saw \$199 from. Eh don't cheat my feelings leh ?

Anyway, using a trip for 2 Dec – 14 Dec as a gauge for my imaginary (but hopefully soon to be reality) trip, this was what I discovered.

The LowFare option is the cheapest, but not the most attractive. It'll be better to go for the LowFare+.

Outbound: Singapore - London-Gatwick **Saturday 2. Dec 2017**

Departure	Arrival	Economy cabin All fares per person in USD			Premium cabin All fares per person in USD	
		LowFare	LowFare+	Flex	Premium	PremiumFlex
9:30 AM Singapore	3:40 PM London-Gatwick	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 239.40	<input type="radio"/> 329.40	<input type="radio"/> 916.70	<input type="radio"/> 850.20	<input type="radio"/> 930.00
Direct	Duration: 14h 10m					
① The 787 Dreamliner						

LowFare
Our lowest fare type.

If you would like checked baggage, Nice&Tasty menu and seat reservation, it pays to choose the ticket type LowFare+ for USD90.00 extra. You can then save USD45.00 compared to buying these optional services separately.

[Upgrade to LowFare+](#)

My Travel Selections

Outbound	
Singapore - London-Gatwick	
Saturday 2. Dec 2017 9:30 AM	
Terminal: 1	
Flight DI7408 - LowFare	
Operated by Norwegian Air UK	
1 Adult	\$239.40
Return	
London-Gatwick - Singapore	
Thursday 14. Dec 2017 11:55 PM	
Terminal: S	
Flight DI7409 - LowFare	
Operated by Norwegian Air UK	
1 Adult	\$232.00
Total price incl. all taxes and surcharges	\$471.40

When I say “attractive”, I don’t mean pricing. Indeed, the LowFare option may have the cheapest fees, but it comes without food, checked luggage and seat reservation.

I’ve no idea how many meals are provided if you take up the LowFare+ “Nice&Tasty Menu” because neither ST nor Norwegian provided that data, not even on the direct booking site. *(And excuse me while I take a moment to roll my eyes at their choice of names. Norwegian marketing team, if you’re seeing this, consider changing it please?)* But the thing is, **would you really want to sit through a 14-hour flight without any meals?!?**

You can pack your own food I guess, but when I take extended international flights, I’d want to be served at least a meal or two. And yes, you could argue that for USD 90 extra, it’ll be cheaper to pack a McDonald meal onboard instead, but I’ll rather just pay the extra and get the seats of my choice + check-in luggage as well. *(Speaking of which, my recent flight experience with Lufthansa was just fantastic, despite me buying budget tickets of \$750 return to Rome! I had expected worst given the low amount I paid. They also served me 2 meals :D)*

So I upgraded to LowFare+ instead. I don’t need to travel in luxurious comfort, but at least having my meal(s) is a must for me.

The final price for my trip then came up to:

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My Travel Selections

Outbound

Singapore - London-Gatwick
 Saturday 2. Dec 2017 9:30 AM
 Terminal: 1
 Flight DI7408 - LowFare+
 Operated by Norwegian Air UK

1 Adult **\$329.40**

✚ Trip includes

Return





London-Gatwick - Singapore
 Thursday 14. Dec 2017 11:55 PM
 Terminal: S
 Flight DI7409 - LowFare
 Operated by Norwegian Air UK

1 Adult **\$232.00**

Total price **\$561.40**
 incl. all taxes and
 surcharges

\$561 for a return trip to London from Singapore! Not too bad isn't it?

It gets even better when you compare against other airlines. All the other carriers charged at least \$1,200 and more for the same direct trip.

	09:30 SIN	14h 10 →	15:40 LGW		
	Direct				2 deals from \$719
	23:55 LGW	12h 45 →	20:40 ⁽⁺¹⁾ SIN		Select →
	Direct				
	22:55 SIN	14h →	04:55 ⁽⁺¹⁾ LHR		
	Direct				12 deals from \$1,275
	19:05 LHR	12h 50 →	15:55 ⁽⁺¹⁾ SIN		Select →
	Direct				

That \$719 option is also on Norwegian Air. So DON'T book via Skyscanner / Cheapoair / Expedia for this flight, since booking direct with Norwegian Air is only \$471 and not \$719...

Being a Singaporean, I feel obligated to add in SIA's offer because #singaporepride. But at \$1,100+ extra, I rather forgo my local "pride" and take Norwegian Air instead HAHA.

You've found your ticket

We're taking you to Singapore+ Airlines

Now complete your booking with Singapore+ Airlines

Ticket details

SIN - LOND 2 Dec 2017, 09:10
LOND - SIN 14 Dec 2017, 09:15

SINGAPORE AIRLINES

\$1,748

Economy class

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So there you go! Instead of the \$398 Norwegian / Straits Times would have you believe you'll be paying for a return trip to London, I feel it'll be more realistic to peg it at \$400 – \$500 instead. And while you're at it, just opt for the LowFare+ option. You're already saving quite a bit on this carrier, so there's no need to be so extreme and deprive yourself of an on-board meal while you're at it.

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Have fun flying to London!

P.S. Anyone wanna sponsor my London trip? I just asked my husband but he doesn't want to bring me ? lol.

With love,
Budget Babe

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