

Air Traffic Control Disruption Impacts UK Travel During August Bank Holiday Weekend

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UNITED KINGDOM , September 1, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- UK holiday makers have experienced days of misery due to recent air traffic control issues that have led to significant disruptions during one of the busiest travel weekends of the year. According to official reports, approximately [20% of UK departures and 27% of UK arrivals were cancelled](#), causing frustration and inconvenience for countless travellers.

The August Bank Holiday weekend traditionally marks one of the peak travel periods in the United Kingdom, as families and individuals take advantage of the long weekend to travel domestically and internationally. However, this year's holiday weekend saw an unfortunate disruption in air travel plans due to air traffic control issues, recently blamed on an incorrect flight plan, that resulted in widespread cancellations.

On Monday alone, [around 1,500 flights were cancelled](#), leaving thousands of passengers stranded or needing to hastily rearrange their travel schedules. The repercussions of these cancellations are expected to ripple through airlines for days to come, causing delays and inconveniences for travellers even after the holiday weekend has passed.

One of the UK's leading airlines, Ryanair, has raised questions regarding the lack of a robust back-up system to handle such contingencies. In a statement issued today, a spokesperson for Ryanair stated "We still haven't had an explanation from them, what exactly caused this failure yesterday and where were their back-up systems,". Ryanair have reported they had to [cancel over 330 flights](#) over Monday and Tuesday leaving over 40,000 passengers scrambling to make other arrangements.

Due to the disruption being recorded as an "extraordinary circumstance" passengers who were affected by the cancellations are not entitled to compensation, however they will be entitled to rebook flights, some refunds, and claim back reasonable expenses. Travellers are also advised to stay informed about the situation through official channels and to allow for extra time when making travel arrangements in the coming days.

Dave Hydon, AirTravelClaim.com Customer Engagement Director said, "We understand the

frustration passengers are experiencing as they wait to hear more about the ongoing delays. We encourage passengers who are due to fly in or out of the UK later this week, to check your flight with your airline before departing for the airport to avoid any unnecessary disappointment."

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