

Types of Airlines

What are the 3 types of airlines?

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- 1. Scheduled Airlines
- 2. Charter Airlines
- 3. Low cost Airlines

1. Scheduled Airlines

- Basically a scheduled airline is known as a Part 121 carrier in legal terms. Scheduled means just that, they're run on specific routes at specific times, for hire, and under the rules set forth under Federal Aviation Regulations part 121. On demand, on the other hand, is basically charter where one can walk up to a company and request a flight somewhere; this is known as Part 135. Corporate departments often fly under this regulation too.

JAL



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EVA



Asiana



ANA



2. Charter Airlines or Air Charter

- **Air charter** is the business of renting an entire aircraft (i.e., chartering) as opposed to individual aircraft seats (i.e., purchasing a ticket through a traditional airline). While the airlines specialize in selling transportation by the seat, air charter companies focus on individual private aircraft and itineraries, urgent or time-sensitive cargo, air ambulance and any other form of ad hoc air transportation.

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3. Low Cost Airlines

- A low-cost carrier or low-cost airline (also known as a no-frills or discount carrier / airline) is an airline that offers generally low fares in exchange for eliminating many traditional passenger services.

EasyJet



VirginBlue



JetStar





Scheduled Versus Charter

- Seats on scheduled flights are sold by the airline and often through travel agents as well, whereas charter seats are never sold by the airline - they are always sold by travel firms (almost always tour operators) who have allocations of seats on the flight. The operator may also sell through travel agents. It is noteworthy that it is the operators who do most of the marketing for charter flights, so that charter airlines typically have small marketing budgets whereas scheduled airlines usually have much larger marketing budgets.

- In most cases, the practical differences for the customer are:
 - scheduled flights cost more than charter flights, in some cases considerably more.
 - scheduled flights have more leg and elbow room.
 - scheduled flights have greater frequency than charter flights.
 - scheduled airlines often have interline agreements with each other enabling through fares and checked luggage to final destination, charter airlines do not.
 - charter airlines often offer the only direct flights to certain holiday destinations, e.g. the UK to The Dominican Republic.
 - failure of a scheduled airline may leave you out-of-pocket, but the operator must find alternative flights or compensate you if a charter airline fails. Should failure of the charter airline bring down the operator as well, then in the UK the ATOL bond will be called in by the CAA to enable refunds to be made to the customers.
