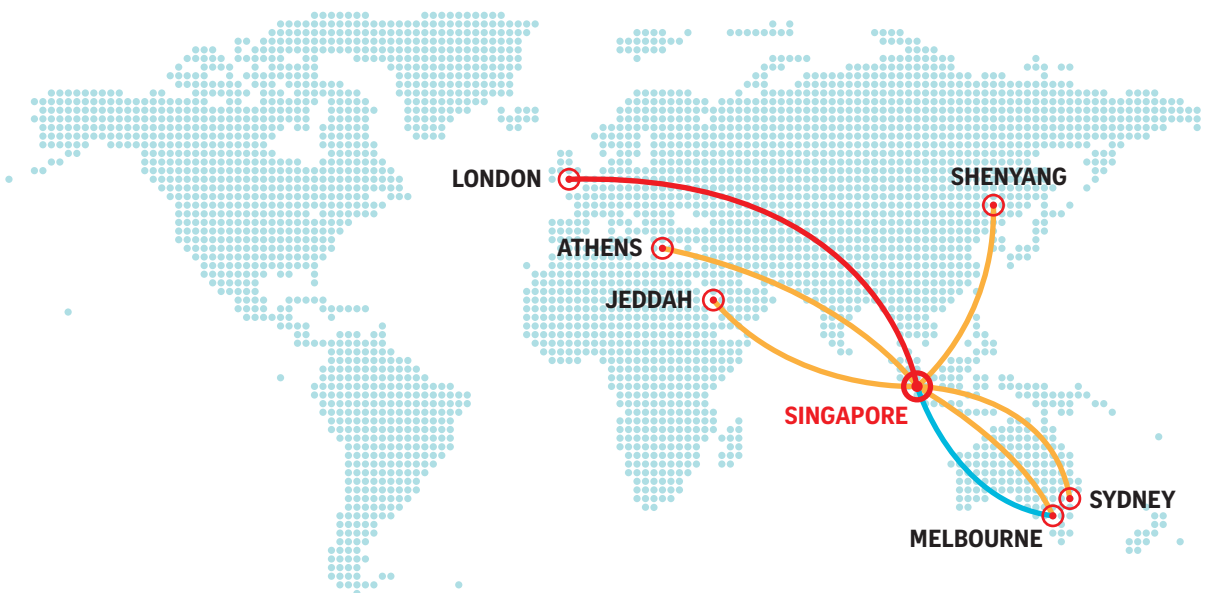




# Budget goes long haul

Budget carrier Norwegian will launch direct flights between London's Gatwick Airport and Singapore from Sept 29. Despite some earlier failures, long-haul budget carriers are making a comeback, giving price-sensitive travellers reason to cheer.



**norwegian**    
To London (Gatwick)

**Jetstar**    
To Melbourne

**scoot**    
Athens (from June)  
Melbourne  
Sydney  
Jeddah (via Dubai)  
Shenyang



AirAsia passengers from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Bali can transfer to AirAsia X which operates long-haul flights to 22 destinations across Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the Middle East. Flights to Europe and the United States are being planned. Through check-in is available at Changi Airport.

## Longest budget flights

Airline	Route	Distance (km)	Outbound flight time	Inbound flight time	Aircraft
Norwegian	London-Singapore	10,841	12hr 45min	13hr 40min	B787-9
French Blue	Paris-La Réunion	9,386	10hr 55min	11hr 40min	A330-300
Eurowings	Cologne-Bangkok	9,063	11hr 25min	12hr 15min	A330-200
Scoot	Singapore-Athens	9,042	11hr 30min	11hr 25min	B787-8
Jetstar Airways	Melbourne-Honolulu	8,871	10hr 25min	10hr 55min	B787-8

NOTE:  
Based on scheduled routes for week commencing Sept 25.