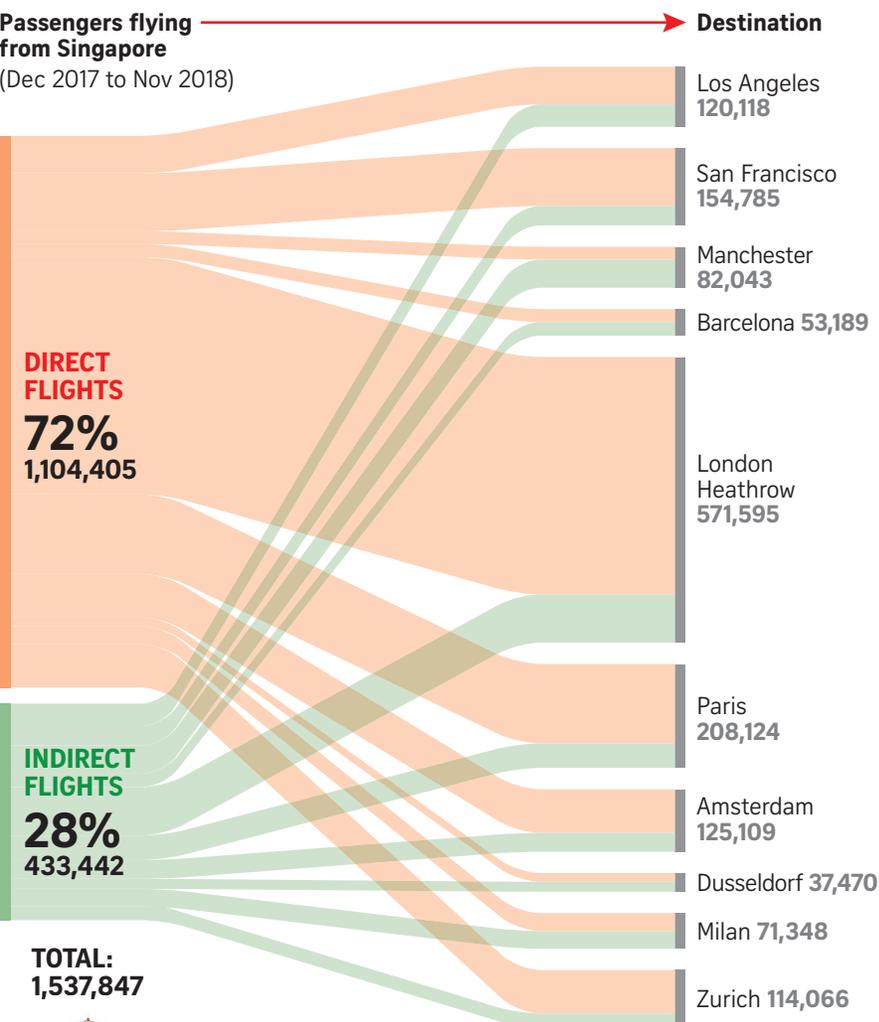


# Air-bust 380

The last Airbus 380 will be delivered in 2021, just 14 years after the first superjumbo went into service with Singapore Airlines. High operating costs, the entry of new and more efficient planes, and an increase in the demand for point-to-point flights that do not always need big aircraft are some reasons why the A-380 failed to take off in a big way.

## Passengers prefer flying non-stop

More travellers are opting for non-stop instead of indirect routes.



## Changi Airport

- At least \$60 million spent on the ground and to prepare T1 and T2 for the A-380 before its 2007 debut.
- Five airlines (SIA, British Airways, Lufthansa, Emirates, Qantas) now operate a total of about 140 weekly one-way A-380 services.
- Changi has 19 contact gates that can accommodate the giant bird.

## Better, more efficient aircraft

Airbus' bet that airlines would need a plane that can carry up to 853 passengers between major airport hubs didn't pay off as airlines shifted their interest to lighter, more fuel-efficient passenger jets – like the new 777s and A-350s.

### A-380

**Capacity:** 471 seats  
**Range:** About 15,000km  
**Wingspan:** 79.8m  
**Length:** 72.7m

- An A380 takes off or lands around the world every two minutes.
- More than 120 A-380 routes and 60 destinations.



### A-350 900

**Capacity:** 253 seats (Long Haul)  
303 (Medium Haul)  
**Range:** About 15,000km  
**Wingspan:** 64.8m  
**Length:** 66.8m

- It is the first Airbus plane with both fuselage and wing structures made primarily of carbon-fibre reinforced plastic.
- SIA has bought 67 including seven ultra-long range version which it flies non-stop to the US. About 30 have been delivered.



### Boeing 777-300ER

**Capacity:** Up to 278 seats  
**Range:** About 14,000km  
**Wingspan:** 64.8m  
**Length:** 73.9m

- The B777-300ER is part of Boeing's best-selling B-777 family which flew for the first time in 1994.
- Almost 1,600 built so far.
- SIA has 44 B-777s in its fleet.



## A-380's biggest operators

**234** delivered to 13 operators



Emirates  
108



Singapore Airlines  
19



Lufthansa  
14



Qantas  
12



British Airways  
12



Air France-KLM  
10