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# QATAR AIRWAYS COMPLETES MAJOR MILESTONE AS ITS FIRST AIRBUS A380 MAKES ITS INAUGURAL FLIGHT FROM DOHA TO LONDON HEATHROW

Heathrow Airport in London has welcomed the first Qatar Airways A380 following its inaugural flight from Doha

The arrival of the world's largest commercial airliner on the Doha-to-London service reinforces Qatar Airways' presence in the United Kingdom, with six flights a day between the two cities in addition to direct services from Doha to Edinburgh and Manchester. Qatar Airways will add a second A380 to the Doha-London route this December.

Featuring a tri-class configuration of First, Business and Economy Class seating over two decks, the Qatar Airways A380 is designed to offer the airline's signature five-star service with outstanding in-flight entertainment and service on board. There are a total of 517 seats, with eight in First Class, 48 in Business Class and 461 seats in Economy Class. First Class passengers benefit from 90-inch seat pitch, 180 degree flat-beds and 26-inch LCD TV screens while Business Class passengers experience 52-inch seat pitch, with 80-inch, 180 degree flat-beds and 17-inch touchscreen monitors. In Economy Class, the onboard experience is enhanced with 10.6-inch entertainment screens and seats with a seven-inch recline.

Qatar Airways is the first airline in the world to offer the next generation Thales (AVANT 4th generation) in-flight system on the A380. The Android-based system features a touchscreen handset, giving users a "second screen experience" where they can watch a movie on their main screen and follow the flight progress on the moving map on their handset. There are games, films, cartoons for every age group and passengers can also watch the pilot's view from the external landscape camera.

Before their A380 flight passengers travelling from Doha can experience world-class facilities at the new Hamad International Airport, while First and Business Class passengers departing



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from London can experience the ultimate in luxury on the ground at the Qatar Airways Premium Lounge at Heathrow Terminal 4, more of a boutique hotel and private club than a lounge.

Qatar Airways took delivery of its first A380 on 17th September 2014. The aircraft is the first of 13 on order and has commenced operations on the QR003 and QR004 London-Doha services.

Qatar Airways has seen rapid growth in just 17 years of operation, to the point where today it is flying a modern fleet of 137 aircraft to 144 key business and leisure destinations across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific, North America and South America.

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

On October 30, 2013, Qatar Airways joined the **oneworld** Alliance, becoming the first Gulf carrier to join a global airline alliance, enabling its customers to benefit from almost 1,000 airports in more than 150 countries, with 14,250 daily departures.

Award-winning carrier Qatar Airways was presented with three honours at the annual Skytrax 2014 World Airline Awards held during the Farnborough Air Show in the UK. The airline was awarded World's Best Business Class for the second year consecutively, World's Best Business Class Airline Lounge for the second year consecutively and, Best Airline in the Middle East for the eighth time.

At the Farnborough Air Show, the airline placed an order for 100 Boeing 777X aircraft, taking Qatar Airways' orders to more than 340 aircraft with a value of US \$70 billion. For more information, visit our homepage [www.qatarairways.com](http://www.qatarairways.com) or our sites on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Instagram, and YouTube.

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