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Aerial Superstar: The Airbus A380 Superjumbo

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British Airways is the first UK airline to take delivery of an Airbus A380 Superjumbo. And, says Caroline Phillips, they're rolling a red carpet across the sky.



Super-jumbo aviation arrived this summer in the UK with the delivery to Heathrow of British Airways' first A380. The arrival of an all-new, swings and bells airliner is a bigger event than things from Outer Space hitting earth, (unless you're talking the 650kg Chelyabinsk meteor that hit Russia in February). Small meteorites hit earth daily; whereas it was as long ago as 1970 when the last aerial megastar – the then Queen of the Skies, the Boeing 747 – first landed.

Add to this that on September 24th, British Airways started the Red Carpet Route – Heathrow to Hollywood – with the A380. And factor in too that they've just taken delivery of their third A380. Then consider also that British Airways have ordered 12 A380's, and will be taking another five in 2014.....and we should be brimming with national pride.

British Airways is the first UK carrier to take delivery of this red carpet celebrity: the double-decker A380, the world's largest commercial jet. It's the start of a new era, putting British Airways at the forefront of modern aviation.

It's a fantastic aircraft, a fleet flagship, a flying showcase: think excellent British engineering; an airborne wonder of the best in comfort and cabin design, interior space, light and comfort; a plane with innovative design that makes it much quieter during take-off and landing, both inside and outside; one that offers great in-flight entertainment (1600 hours of the stuff); and which has tip-top on-board dining -The Langham Hotel turns the flight into mile-high gastronomy for First and Club World. From engineering and design through to hospitality and gastronomy, this is a wow celebration of Brit brands and qualities.

Customers in First are seated at the front of the main deck – just 14 seats but with 30% more personal space and 60% more personal storage. Club World (business class) customers can choose from 44 seats on the main deck or 53 seats on the upper deck.

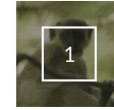
That's something to be celebrated. The A380 is a definitely an A lister. Beam me up Scotty.

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Inaugural fares:

Prices to Los Angeles for travel from September 24, are: Club World (business class) from £2,550 return for travel September 24, 2013 to March 27, 2014. First from £3,799 return for travel from

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Prices to Hong Kong for travel from October 22, are: Club World from £2,499 return, first class from £5,800 return. All prices listed to Hong Kong for travel from October 22 to December 8, 2013. All flights are subject to limited availability and selected travel dates.

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