Airbus in Brunei

Brunei is an important customer for Airbus, with the company’s commercial aircraft and helicopters utilised by operators in the Southeast Asian nation.

Royal Brunei Airlines modernised its fleet with Airbus A320 Family jetliners, which are used on the airline’s regional routes. The carrier began with A320ceo aircraft leased from CIT Aerospace in August 2003. They accommodate a total of 144 passengers – 12 in business class and 132 passengers in the main cabin.

Subsequently, Royal Brunei Airlines placed a firm order with Airbus for seven A320neo versions, the first of which was delivered in May 2018 – with all seven in operation as of late 2018. These jetliners feature a premium three-class layout with 12 business class and 18 economy plus seats, as well as 120 seats in the main cabin. They are deployed on the airline’s regional network.

Airbus first established a helicopter presence in Brunei in 1981 when two BO105s were delivered to the Royal Brunei Air Force. In 2018, the service operated six BO105 rotorcraft for use on missions that include surveillance, air support, VIP transportation as well as search and rescue activities.