A380

- Airbus would never have been able to reach its current leadership position without this aircraft program. It has made it possible to compete with others competitors by offering a full range of products.
- The A380 programme has been the driver of the transformation of the small GIE Airbus-Industrie into the integrated Airbus Company being now a leader in world aviation.
- The A380 will continue flying, with Airbus support, for decades to come.
- Airbus Services continues to support and to introduce operational improvements for the in-service fleet.
- Airbus is engaged in A380 cabin refurbishing with several of its customers who are re-investing millions Euros in their planes to upgrade their cabin for passenger comfort. (to date Qantas Airline and Singapore Airlines)
- The A380 with its unique capacity offers an unbeatable economic value proposition to operators on dense routes (ex. Haj ops with Malaysian Airlines, ANA on Narita-Honolulu route… ), and especially out of congested airports
- Passenger traffic doubles every 15 years: the A380 is perfectly suited for high density routes and can be part of solutions proposed to face traffic growth and airports congestion.
- A380 is passengers’ favourite aircraft.
- The A380 is the only aircraft to offer more than 500 seats with high profitability
- Second-hand A380s offer attractive opportunities to airlines.

Orders and Deliveries

- 251 net orders
- 242 A380s have been delivered to 15 operators
- A380 operators:
  - Air France, Asiana, British Airways, China Southern, Emirates, Etihad, Korean Air, Hi Fly (second hand), Lufthansa, Malaysia Airlines, Qantas, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways, ANA.

In-Service Status

- An A380 takes-off or lands around the world every 2 minutes.
- The A380 is operated on 70+ destinations
- Over 400 airports worldwide are A380 compatible
- Since its entry into service, the A380 has carried over 300 million passengers
- Today the A380 fleet makes over 330 flights per day.
- Total cycles: above 800 000
- Total flight hours: more than 7 300 000
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- Over 50% of A380 capacity is from/to/within the Asia-Pacific region, of which around 15% is on regional flights within Asia (OAG 2017)
- Operational reliability 99+% 

Community Benefits

- A380 noise footprint: half the noise of previous generation aircraft while offering 85% more passengers.
- Lower emissions, significantly below international guidelines:
  - NOx 30% below CAEP/6, 16.4 EPNdB noise margin to ICAO Chapter 4.
  - 33% better fuel burn and CO2 emissions compare to previous generation aircraft.
- The A380 is and remains the best solution for growth; especially where airport-capacity is limited and when traffic growth is doubling every 15 years. (The 50 daily A380 flights (to/from) at London Heathrow carried 10% of all international passenger traffic through this airport in 2018.)

Cabin figures

- A380 the best cabin in the sky
- Unique passenger experience
- Wider cabin for wider seats (up to 19 inches in economy)
- Quietest and smoothest flight
- More personal space
- The total cabin surface area of the A380 is 550m2,
  - Main Deck (MD) cabin, the widest of any airliner, is 20” (51cm) wider than the B747 cabin
  - Upper Deck (UD) cabin, the first full widebody UD cabin ever, is 71” (180cm) wider than the B747 cabin:
- Making magic out of light with larger windows and cabin mood lighting
- 6 air inlets (compared to 4 typically) for quiet, draught free cabin air delivery
- HEPA filters eliminate more than 99.9% of particles including viruses and bacteria.
- The lowest number of passengers per temperature control zone of any aircraft flying today
- The cabin is split into 15 different temperature control zones, the temperature in each can be varied between 18 and 30 degrees C.
- The A380 allows 545 seats in a standard 4 class configuration with no compromise on comfort.

IFE and Connectivity

- A single simple and intuitive touch screen interface for cabin crew to control all cabin systems
- 4th generation In-Flight Entertainment (IFE) experience
- Fibre-optic IFE backbone for faster access and streaming.

Superior performance and airport operations
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- Better take-off, landing and climb performance.
- Needs shorter runways to take off and land than competing large aircraft
- Has a lower approach speed (the same as the A320)
- Range capability (8,000 nm – 15,000 km) in standard 4 class, 545 seats configuration
- Offers cruise Mach number of M 0.85
- Standard turn-around-time: 90min including boarding time less than 30mins and disembarking time, less than 15 mins.
- Direct upper deck servicing allows same turn-around-time as existing wide-body aircraft.
- A380 is the largest civil aircraft in history (max seating capacity of 853), with a maximum take-off weight of 575 tonnes
- Million of passengers have flown the A380 and more will fly this unique experience over decades to come – Airlines continue to invest in their A380 cabin product to keep the A380 flagship of their fleets.

Programme main dates

- A380 was launched in December 2000.
- First convoy: 6 April 2004
- First flight: 27 April 2005
- Last A380 convoy to Toulouse - June 2020
- A380 end of production: Mid 2021

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A380 facts

- Since July 2019, Emirates operates the world’s shortest scheduled A380 service, flying a distance of 349 kilometres with a total travel time of less than one hour from Dubai to Muscat-Oman.
- Each A380 consists of around 4 million individual components with 2.5 million part numbers produced by 1500 companies from 30 countries around the world.
- 19,000 bolts are inserted inside the fuselage to attach each of the 3 main parts, plus 4,000 to attach both wings.
- The aircraft is certified to a max seating capacity of 853.
- A380 wing area is 845m². This enables the A380 to land 20 knots i.e. 35kmh slower than a 747 at its maximum landing weight of 386 tonnes, and contributes to reduce noise around airports.
- The span of the horizontal stabilizer is 30.4 m, this is just a bit less than the span of an A320 wings (34.9 m).
- The volume of the three decks (including cargo/baggage hold) is 1,570 m³, enough space for 35 million ping-pong balls.
- The two passenger decks of the A380 have a total area of 550 m², the same as three tennis courts (singles), or 1¼ basketball courts (usable floor area is 50% higher than in the 747-4).
- 5000 light scenarios on board, using a wide choice of fluorescent and LED technology.
- The aircraft has 220 windows and 16 doors.
- During take-off the wing will flex upwards by over 4m.
- The wing span is 79.8m and the wings are swept at an angle of 33.5 degrees. The maximum design load on the 6-wheel body gear is 260 tonnes - equivalent to 200 VW Golfs. The weight of the external paint of the A380 (topcoat plus primer) is 531 kg. The 280,000 lb of take-off thrust across the wing is the horsepower equivalent of around 2,500 family cars (at 110 hp each).
- The engine’s 116 inch (2.95 m) diameter fan blades suck in over one and a quarter tons of air every second.

Traveler’s info

https://www.iflya380.com and App

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