



## AIRLINES & AIRPORTS



### The Five Longest Direct Flights In The World

Airplane seats are going to keep shrinking and the thought of cramming in smaller seats over the course of more than a few hours can put off most travelers.

[Read more](#)



### Air Belgium is Closer to Its Launch: Hiring Pilots and Cabin Crew

Air Belgium seems to be one step closer



### Etihad Cuts Staff Numbers as Conditions Deteriorate

Tightening global economic conditions are hitting even the most prominent

to its launch, on its website you can now find 2 new career options: cabin crew and cockpit crew.

[Read more](#)



### **Norwegian to Increase Low-Cost USA Flights By Over 50%**

Low-cost airline Norwegian is expanding its award-winning low-cost long-haul network with a 55 per cent increase in the number of flights to the US from next summer.

[Read more](#)

airlines; Etihad Airways intends to reduce staff numbers.

[Read more](#)



### **Qatar Airways Announces Eight New Destinations for 2017-18**

Qatar Airways announced eight more destinations for 2017-18, in addition to seven previously announced new cities for a total of 15 new gateways.

[Read more](#)

## **REGULATIONS & SAFETY**



### **Another Strong Year for Airline Profits in 2017**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that it expects the global airline industry to make a net profit in 2017 of \$29.8 billion.

[Read more](#)



### **EASA Puts Forward New Rules for Air Operations**

EASA published a proposal to the European Commission on new operational rules to better support pilot mental fitness. EASA's proposal is part of its Action Plan following the Germanwings Flight 9525 accident.

[Read more](#)



### **American Airlines Fined \$1.6 Million for Violating Tarmac Delay Rule**

The U.S. DOT fined American Airlines \$1.6 million for violating the Department's rule prohibiting long tarmac delays. The airline was ordered to cease and desist from future similar violations.

[Read more](#)



### **DOT Grants Norwegian Permit to Begin US Services**

Norwegian has been granted approval to begin flights between Ireland and the US after a three-year process in which the US DOT seemed reluctant to give the go-ahead.

[Read more](#)



### **EASA Certificated Sukhoi Superjet LR Version**

JSC "Sukhoi Civil Aircraft" has obtained European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) approval of Sukhoi Superjet 100 Long Range (SSJ100LR).

[Read more](#)

**EDITOR'S REVIEW**



### **Chengdu J-20: A Game Changer or A Cheap Copy?**

More than a month has already passed since the military aviation community has started speaking about the latest Chinese development - fifth-generation fighter jet Chengdu J-20.

[Read more](#)

## **ACCIDENTS & INVESTIGATIONS**



### **Main Black Box of Crashed Tu-154 Found at Depth of 17 Meters**

The flight data recorder of the Tu-154 plane of the Russian Defense Ministry that crashed in the Black Sea on Sunday has been pulled from the water, a law enforcement source told TASS.

[Read more](#)



### **Mumbai-Bound Jet Airways Flight Skids off Runway**

A Jet Airways aircraft with 154 passengers and 7 crew members onboard veered off the runway at Dabolim airport in Goa while aligning for take off to Mumbai early Tuesday morning, 27 December.

[Read more](#)



### **Hijacked Libyan Plane Lands in Malta with 118 On Board**

An Afriqiyah Airways A320 with around 120 people on board has landed in Malta after it was hijacked.

[Read more](#)



### **Russian Military Plane IL-18 Crash-Landed in Yakutia**

The Russian Defense Ministry said that all passengers and crew members survived the crash-landing of the IL-18 plane.

[Read more](#)



### **Pakistan Airlines Plane Crashed Near Abbottabad With 47 On Board**

Pakistan International Airlines ATR-42-500 declared emergency reporting problems with the left engine, shortly afterwards radio and radar contact was lost with the aircraft.

[Read more](#)



### **Chapecoense Crash: Operated Without Mandatory Fuel Reserves**

Colombia's Civil Aviation Authority has officially confirmed that the Bolivian BAe Avro RJ85 operated by Lamia crashed near Medellin with empty fuel tanks.

[Read more](#)



### **Boeing Begins Digital Flight Deck Upgrades to NATO Fleet**

Boeing delivered to NATO the first of fourteen E-3A Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft with cockpit upgrades that improve mission-readiness, decrease customer costs and reaffirm Boeing’s overall commitment to the fleet.

[Read more](#)



### **China Declares Its First Aircraft Carrier ‘Ready for War’**

China’s first aircraft carrier has been engaged in public live-fire exercises, flexing its own weapons as well as those of its fully armed combat aircraft.

[Read more](#)



### **The Helmet That Gives Air Force Pilots X-Ray Vision**

Developed by Rockwell Collins the Gen III Helmet Mounted Display System gives a pilot as much visibility as he would have if the entire cockpit were made of glass.

[Read more](#)



### **Northrop's New Combat Drone Could Outclass F/A-18 and F-35**

TERN drone for the Navy could be an even bigger deal than we initially thought.

[Read more](#)



### **Trump Promises Changes to 'Out of Control' F-35 Program**

Donald Trump announced that he is poised to modify the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program.

[Read more](#)

## **MANUFACTURERS**



### **Boeing Forecasts Increased Demand for Airline Pilots, Technicians in Asia-Pacific**

Boeing unveiled its 2016 Boeing Pilot & Technician Outlook for the Asia-Pacific region, projecting that more than 500,000 new pilots and technicians will be needed to support the expanding demand for new airplane deliveries over the next two decades.

[Read more](#)



### **Gulfstream G600 Takes Flight Ahead of Schedule**

Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. announced the Gulfstream G600 has completed its first flight, officially kicking off the aircraft's flight-test program.

[Read more](#)



### **Lufthansa Takes Delivery of Its First Airbus A350 Aircraft**

The Lufthansa Group, Airbus' largest airline customer and operator, has taken delivery of its first A350 XWB, the world's newest and most efficient twin engine widebody airliner.

[Read more](#)

## **HELICOPTERS**



### **Falcon's AW169 in Global Offshore Debut**

Abu Dhabi-based Falcon Aviation is planning to put its recently received twin-engined, AgustaWestland 169 into offshore service.

[Read more](#)



### **Canada Selects Airbus C295W for Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue**

The Government of Canada announced that it had selected the Airbus C295W for its Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue Program.

[Read more](#)



## No Alternative to Russian Helicopters in Afghanistan

Russian Special Presidential Envoy for Afghanistan said that Afghanistan has no alternative to Russian arms.

[Read more](#)

## China's AC352 Completes First Flight With WZ16 Engine

The first flight of the Avicopter AC352, powered with WZ16 engine, took place December 21, in Harbin.

[Read more](#)

## GET INVOLVED!

Do you have any exciting aviation news? Have you captured any great aviation related pictures? Share it with us! Become a part of the aviation world!

[UPLOAD](#)

### Aviation Voice

Aviation Voice - echoes with up-to-date news gathered from the whole world of aviation. No matter if you are a professional or an enthusiast, the news delivered are oriented towards everyone. Consequently, steadily growing audience proves that our team is on a right track.



SHARE



TWEET



FORWARD