



Singapore Airlines suites

THE SKY IS NOT THE LIMIT

A Higher Level of Inflight Luxury

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Givenchy-designed duvets, cosmetics by Bvlgari and Ferragamo, champagne and caviar, and onboard shower spas. Airlines have transformed the concept of first class for the elite traveler. We take a look at the latest facilities offered onboard. Flying first class is a journey that often starts on the ground. With Qatar Airways, you are swept off your feet in a BMW-7 series as part of the first-class service for long-haul flights. Having launched their third US destination to Houston in 2009, a 17-hour non-stop journey and one of the longest in the world, the spacious 6.5 feet beds are much needed. Fitted with soft feather duvets and in-built massage functions, time will surely fly with the 900-plus entertainment options. A four-course meal is followed by a porcelain tea service, and a selection of Arabic mezze, caviar, chocolates, wines and champagne. With extravagance at the forefront, Emirates have also revolutionized

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the definition of “first class”. For the first time in history, passengers can indulge in an invigorating shower at 43,000 feet, a facility exclusively available on the upper deck of the Emirates A380. The shower spas for first class customers boast heated flooring and leather seating, with signature Timeless Spa and Bvlgari products. Besides the A380, all first class suites on the other Emirates aircraft feature gliding doors, mini-bars, in-seat massage systems and a choice of 1,200 on-demand entertainment channels. Meals are preceded by an outstanding selection of hors d’oeuvres, including wild Iranian caviar, along with five types of cheese and dessert, not forgetting the complimentary champagne and vintage wines. Meanwhile, Qantas, Australia’s largest international airline, have also raised the bar in this first class transformation, giving special attention to the quality of sleep. When flying first class, you have the luxury of plush beds that come with cosy duvets, soft lamb’s wool blankets, oversized linen pillows and Akira Isogawa designed pyjamas. The interiors, designed by Marc Newson and manufactured by B/E Aerospace’s VIP jet group, have won the Chicago Athenaeum Museum’s Good Design Award. On their Diamond First Class, Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways

have ensured that all suites are forward-facing with aisle access. Each of the 6.8 feet flat-beds comes with 600-thread Egyptian cotton sheets, accompanied by a Ferragamo valise and sleeper suit. The seats are upholstered with leather by world-renowned manufacturer Poltrona Frau, suppliers of Ferrari’s interior. Passengers can dine whenever they like from the à la carte menu, on a wood finished table and within the privacy of Arabic styled sliding doors. On the other hand, the intelligent design of Singapore Airlines Suites enables each suite to contain a standalone full-sized bed measuring 27.78 inches, in the privacy of sliding door. Complemented with a deluxe mattress, Givenchy-designed duvets and cushions, the unique layout of these suites means the bed does not utilize the seat for the sleeping surface. On long-haul flights, passengers receive a Ferragamo amenity kit with the designer’s latest fragrance, F by Salvatore Ferragamo. Similarly, the first class suites on Hong Kong’s Cathay Pacific, Japan Airlines (JAL), and Virgin Atlantic, all have their set of luxury facilities, from in-seat massagers on Cathay Pacific and Tempur mattresses and pillows on JAL, to a stunning onboard bar for socializing with fellow travelers on Virgin Atlantic. It’s a whole new world!