LUFTHANSA FIRST ANNIVERSARY AIRCRAFT LANDED IN FRANKFURT

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It has landed! The Boeing 787-9 with its impressive special livery marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first Lufthansa arrived in Frankfurt. Numerous plane spotters, travelers, and spectators welcomed the special aircraft at Germany's largest airport, which was transferred from the Boeing plant in Everett, Washington. The divisional board of Lufthansa Airlines also personally welcomed the Dreamliner with the registration D-ABPU and the name “Berlin”.

Jens Ritter, Chief Executive Officer of Lufthansa Airlines commented: “These are the particularly beautiful and unforgettable moments in our job. It's always a special moment to take delivery of a brand-new aircraft – but today's landing of this anniversary Boeing 787-9, with its extraordinary special livery marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first ‘Luft Hansa’, was even more exciting and fascinating."

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The Dreamliner “Papa Uniform” combines tradition and the future in an iconic design: the blue fuselage is adorned with a white XXL crane, whose wings merge into the wings, turning the aircraft into a flying anniversary ambassador for Lufthansa. In addition to the crane, a “100” is integrated on the left side of the fuselage and the lettering “1926 | 2026” on the right side. A “100” can also be seen on the underside of the aircraft.

In 2026, Lufthansa will celebrate a special anniversary: On January 6, 1926, almost exactly 100 years ago, the first Lufthansa was founded. The official maiden flight then took off on April 6, 1926. To mark this special occasion, a special anniversary fleet comprising a total of six aircraft will take off in 2026: The Boeing 787-9 will lead this XXL crane fleet. An Airbus A380, an Airbus A350-1000, an Airbus A350-900, an Airbus A320, and a Boeing 747-8 will also be receiving the new livery. The aircraft will gradually be given the new design, with the anniversary fleet expected to be complete in fall 2026.

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