

WORLD'S FIRST FULLY TATTOOED AIRCRAFT TAKES FLIGHT - CORENDON

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Corendon Dutch Airlines revealed world first fully tattooed aircraft, marking a symbolic moment in both aviation and art. To celebrate its 25th anniversary, Corendon collaborated with renowned tattoo artist Henk Schiffmacher, known for inking global icons like Lady Gaga and Kurt Cobain. The aircraft, Sweet Louise, features a tattoo design covering nearly 200 square meters of its fuselage, serving as a flying tribute to travel.

Named Sweet Louise after Schiffmacher's wife, the design is inspired by classic nautical symbols and executed in traditional tattoo style. This project celebrates Schiffmacher's unique artistic legacy. Henk Schiffmacher commented: "The design is a tribute to the traveler. The tattoo on the engine represents a pirate, the eternal wanderer of the seas, transformed for Corendon into a heart-shaped symbol. Tattoos tell stories, and this one reflects my years of traveling the world and connecting with people from all walks of life. It symbolizes movement, connection and the desire to explore. I'm proud that it will now fly across the skies."

The idea was born during a conversation between Corendon CEO Gunay Uslu and Schiffmacher, who once dreamed of tattooing an entire aircraft. Uslu embraced the opportunity to fuse art and

aviation in an unprecedented way: "To celebrate Corendon's 25th anniversary, we wanted to do something bold and unforgettable, something that reflects who we are. This collaboration with Henk Schiffmacher is more than just eye-catching; it symbolizes Corendon's adventurous spirit and our willingness to go off the beaten track. The tattooed aircraft is a tribute to our roots and our journey, and it shows that travel, like art, can tell powerful stories and bring people together in unexpected ways. We worked closely with aviation and art experts to ensure the design maintained its integrity. It was a meticulous process, but seeing the final result has been incredibly rewarding."

Applying the tattoo design was a complex process. It had to be carefully scaled to fit the aircraft's contours without losing its artistic integrity. Unveiled at Schiphol-East, Sweet Louise will soon operate Corendon's most popular holiday routes, offering passengers a truly one-of-a-kind experience in the sky.

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