ETIHAD’S ICONIC A380 TOUCHES DOWN IN THAILAND FOR THE FIRST TIME

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Etihad Airways has marked a significant milestone with the arrival of its iconic Airbus A380 in Thailand for the first time. The airline’s flagship aircraft touched down in Bangkok this morning, introducing Thai travelers to Etihad’s most renowned onboard products, including The Residence, the world’s only three-room suite in the sky, alongside First Apartments, Business Class lie-flat seats and an enhanced Economy experience.

The inaugural flight launches Etihad’s daily A380 service between Abu Dhabi’s Zayed International Airport and Bangkok, adding substantial capacity on one of the airline’s most popular leisure routes while bringing its highest level of luxury and comfort to the market. The deployment coincides with the start of the peak winter travel season, supporting growing demand for connectivity between Thailand, the Middle East and Europe.

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The Bangkok service further strengthens Etihad's premium offering across Asia and follows the successful introduction of the Airbus A380 on the carrier's daily Abu Dhabi-Tokyo route in June 2026, as the airline continues to expand access to its flagship travel experience across key international destinations.

Antonoaldo Neves, Chief Executive Officer, Etihad Airways, commented: "The arrival of our A380 in Bangkok is a significant milestone and another example of how we are investing behind strong customer demand. Thailand is an important premium market for Etihad, and deploying our flagship aircraft allows us to increase capacity while bringing our most distinctive guest experience to the route. We see tremendous opportunity across Thailand and the wider Asian market, and our investment in the region reflects our confidence in its continued growth. Bangkok joining our A380 network is an important part of that journey as we expand our capacity, strengthen connectivity through Abu Dhabi and offer guests even more reasons to choose Etihad."

An Iconic Experience in the Sky

The Residence

At the pinnacle of Etihad's Airbus A380 is The Residence®, the aviation industry's most exclusive commercial travel experience and the world's only three-room suite in the sky. Designed to accommodate up to two guests, the 125-square-foot private retreat features a separate living room with a reclining two-seater sofa, a private bedroom with a double bed, and an ensuite bathroom complete with a full-height shower. Guests enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi, luxury bedding and loungewear, premium amenities, and a personalized fine-dining service delivered by dedicated cabin crew. The experience is further enhanced with Etihad Chauffeur service and access to a private lounge suite in Abu Dhabi.

First

Etihad's First cabin offers nine spacious private Apartments arranged along a single aisle, each enclosed by sliding doors for enhanced privacy. Every 39-square-foot suite combines a Poltrona Frau leather lounge chair with a separate ottoman that transforms into an 80.5-inch fully flat bed. Guests benefit from a full turndown service, luxury bedding, designer loungewear, and premium amenities. Additional features include a 24-inch entertainment screen, a personal chilled-refreshment cabinet, access to an onboard shower room, and an à la carte dining experience paired with a carefully selected range of premium beverages and boutique wines.

Business

Located on the upper deck, the A380's Business cabin features 70 seats, each providing direct aisle access and converting into an 80-inch lie-flat bed. Designed for both comfort and productivity, the seats offer adjustable firmness settings, an integrated massage function, Wi-Fi connectivity, charging facilities, and an 18.5-inch touchscreen entertainment system. Guests can enjoy destination-inspired dining, a premium beverage selection, and Etihad's latest Business amenity kits from the Destination Collection, featuring products by LANEIGE. Business travellers also have exclusive access to The Lobby, Etihad's signature inflight lounge and bar situated between the First and Business cabins.

Economy

The A380 accommodates 415 guests in Economy, with ergonomically designed seats offering an

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18.95-inch width, a six-inch recline, and 32 inches of legroom. Every seat is equipped with Etihad's fixed-wing adjustable headrest, an 11.1-inch touchscreen entertainment system, USB charging ports, and onboard Wi-Fi access. Guests can enjoy complimentary meals, snacks, and beverages inspired by destinations across the network, while pillows and blankets are provided on longer journeys. For added comfort, the Neighbour-Free Seating option allows travellers to purchase additional personal space when available.

Strengthening connectivity between Thailand and the world

The introduction of the A380 on the Bangkok route further reinforces Etihad's premium offering between Abu Dhabi and Asia while providing travellers from Thailand with seamless access to destinations across the airline's expanding global network. Guests can also take advantage of Etihad's Abu Dhabi Stopover programme, which includes a complimentary hotel stay of up to two nights, allowing visitors to experience the UAE capital as part of a single, connected journey.

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