



Finnair revealed Business Class cabin design for the new Airbus A350 XWB

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Finnair has completed the cabin design of its new flagship longhaul aircraft, the Airbus A350 XWB (extra wide body), due to enter service next year.

Created by dSign Vertti Kivi & Co, also the designer of Finnair's new Premium Lounge at Helsinki Airport, the A350's bright and spacious cabin features large panoramic view windows and comfortable seating arrangements in both classes.

"We have worked hard to create a special customer experience onboard the new A350XWB aircraft and are proud to bring Finnish design to Finnair's passengers," says designer Vertti Kivi. "Our Space Alive concept means dynamic lighting, colours and moods to suit the time of day, destination or season. For example, when descending in the East the aircraft can be awash in warm orange tones, or surface interiors may glow in fresh blue hues when arriving in Helsinki."

The 297-seat configuration includes 46 seats in Business Class in a 1+2+1 layout, ensuring direct aisle access to all Business Class passengers. The Zodiac Cirrus III seats convert to fully flat beds, while a 16-inch touch-screen inflight entertainment system comes programmed with films, TV shows, music and other digital content on demand in numerous languages. Seats in Business Class also come equipped with AC and USB power outlets.

The Airbus A350 features an advanced pure air filtration system that changes the air in the cabin every two to three minutes. Draft-free air management, adjustable multiple temperature zones and a lower cabin pressure also enhance the well-being of passengers and crew. All Finnair A350s will also be equipped with Wi-Fi for greater passenger enjoyment

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Finnair plans to begin operating its first A350s in the second half of next year, initially serving Shanghai, Bangkok and Beijing, with Hong Kong and Singapore A350 service to be added in 2016. Finnair has 11 firm orders and 8 options for A350 aircraft, which will form the backbone of the company's long-haul fleet and drive expansion plans.

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