

TRUTH IN TRAVEL

CONDÉ NAST

MAY 2010

# Traveler

THE **HOT** LIST





**WHO'S FLYING IT NOW**  
The carriers betting big as of February 29.

**Finnair**  
10 planes ordered,  
3 flying.

**LATAM Airlines Group**  
27 ordered,  
1 flying.

**Qatar Airways**  
80 ordered,  
7 flying.

**Singapore Airlines**  
67 ordered,  
1 flying.

**Vietnam Airlines**  
10 ordered,  
4 leased (and flying).

# End of Jet Lag?

Premium economy seats on Singapore Airlines' A350s have about six extra inches of legroom, footrests, and business-class-style meals, for roughly 50 percent more than you'd pay for coach.



#### ECONOMY CLASS

Ofentimes, cutting-edge aviation design is reserved for those up front, but many A350 benefits—fresher air, quiet operation—extend to all passengers. On Finnair, light-gray upholstery brightens an already airy cabin, and blankets in Marimekko's Kivet print add a pop of color. More important, the "extra-wide-body" cabin allows for nine-across, 18.1-inch-wide seats.

**"It's hard to believe you're flying. The only sound you hear is the soft hum of the airflow. It really makes you want to whisper when talking."**

—Hanna Paananen, a Finnair manager who has been with the airline since 1980



**8**  
Number of "temperature control zones," meaning no more frigid passenger cabins. The default setting is 71.6 degrees.



**25%**  
The peak relative humidity, which helps reduce dry skin and chapped lips, even on super-long flights.



**3 MINUTES**  
Time it takes to refresh all the cabin air, which is cycled through HEPA filters that trap 99.95% of particles, like bacteria.



**87 DECIBELS**  
Typical ambient noise level in a cabin at cruising altitude, about equal to the volume of a normal conversation.