



## Qatar Airways Achievements

**January 2010:** Qatar Airways announces a world first – a joint study with Qatar-based and industry partners into the development of sustainable bio jet fuel.

**December 2009:** Qatar Airways launches first flights to Australia, into the Victorian State capital of Melbourne.

**November 2009:** Qatar Airways wins ‘World’s Leading Airline – Business Class’ award at the 16th World Travel Awards in London.

**October 2009:** Qatar Airways completes world’s first commercial passenger flight powered by gas-to-liquids (GTL) aviation jet fuel, using an Airbus A340-600 from London Gatwick to Doha.

**October 2009:** Qatar Airways wins Best Middle Eastern Airline at TTG Asia Travel Awards for fourth consecutive year.

**September 2009:** Qatar Airways wins prestigious Airline of the Year accolade at the annual TTG (Travel Trade Gazette UK) awards in London.

**September 2009:** Qatar Airways named Best Business Class Airline in China at the China Travel & Meeting Industry Awards organised by Travel Weekly China.

**May 2009:** Readers of Dubai-based Business Traveller Middle East magazine named Qatar Airways’ Economy Class as Best in the region.

**May 2009:** Qatar Airways wins Best Business Class in the Middle East and Best Cabin Crew in the region at the World Travel Awards held in Dubai.

**April 2009:** Qatar Airways wins several accolades at the annual 2009 Skytrax passenger awards following a survey of more than 16 million travellers. The airline’s Economy Class was voted Best in the World; Qatar Airways cabin crew named Best in the Middle East for the 7<sup>th</sup> year running in 2009; Qatar Airways voted Best Airline in the Middle East for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

**December 2008:** World Travel Awards names Qatar Airways' World's Leading Business Class at the 15th Annual World Travel Awards final Gala ceremony on the Caribbean island of Turks & Caicos.

**November 2008:** World Travel Awards names Qatar Airways Best Business Class Airline in the Middle East and region's Best Airline Lounge in Doha for its exclusive Premium Terminal. Qatar Airways also won the Aviation Business Award for Inflight Services.

**October 2008:** Qatar Airways named Best Airline in the Middle East for the third consecutive year by readers of TTG Asia magazine.

**August 2008:** Qatar Airways wins two Skytrax awards confirming its leading position as one of the top 10 airlines in the world, and also as the best carrier in the Middle East region for the third consecutive year. Qatar Airways' cabin crew was named Best in the Middle East for the sixth straight year.

**February 2008:** Doha International Airport wins Best Airport Airline partnership award at the annual Airport Expansion Middle East awards in Doha.

**December 2007:** Qatar Airways receives three accolades at the World Travel Awards 2007 in the Caribbean islands of Turks & Caicos – World's Leading Business Class Airline, World's Best Inflight Meal Service, and Leading Business Class Airline In The Middle East.

**November 2007:** Qatar Airways takes delivery of the first of its 32 Boeing 777 aircraft.

**October 2007:** Qatar Airways named Best Airline in Middle East and Africa by readers of TTG Asia magazine for the second consecutive year.

**July 2007:** Qatar Airways wins three Skytrax awards including Best First Class in the World, Best Middle East airline for second year running, and Best Cabin Crew in the Middle East for the fifth consecutive year.

**July 2007:** Qatar Airways launches non-stop flights to Washington DC – its second US route.

**June 2007:** Qatar Airways launches flights to North America with services from Doha to Newark (New York) via Geneva).

**May 2007:** Qatar Airways named Best Airline for the second year running at the annual Middle East and North Africa (MENA) travel awards in Dubai.

**April 2007:** Qatar Airways' Privilege Club scoops unprecedented eight airline awards at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Freddie loyalty Awards in America.

**January 2007:** Qatar Airways voted Best Airline in the Middle East by readers of US-based Global Traveller magazine.

**November 2006:** Qatar Airways opens world's first dedicated Premium Terminal for First and Business Class passengers at Doha International Airport.

**October 2006:** Qatar Airways receives its 50<sup>th</sup> aircraft – an Airbus A340-600 (High Gross Weight) – a significant milestone considering the airline operated only four aircraft at the time of its relaunch in 1997.

**October 2006:** Qatar Airways named Best Airline in Middle East and Africa by readers of TTG Asia magazine.

**September 2006:** Qatar Airways receives four accolades at the World Travel Awards 2006 in the Caribbean islands of Turks & Caicos – World's Leading Business Class Airline, World's Best Inflight Meal Service, Leading Airline In The Middle East and Leading Business Class Airline In The Middle East.

**September 2006:** Qatar Airways takes delivery of world's first High Gross Weight version of the Airbus A340-600 aircraft designed to operate non-stop on long-haul routes such as Doha – US east coast.

**June 2006:** Qatar Airways honoured in the 2006 Skytrax Awards. Airline named Best in the Middle East, cabin crew voted Best in Middle East for 4<sup>th</sup> year running and 2<sup>nd</sup> best in the world. Airline's global ranking rises to 6<sup>th</sup> best in the world.

**June 2006:** Qatar Airways' Privilege Club wins accolades at the annual Freddie Awards in Los Angeles recognising the world's best travel loyalty programmes. Privilege Club wins awards for Best Elite Level, Best Website and Best Bonus Promotion.

**May 2006:** Qatar Airways named Airline Of The Year at the annual Middle East and North Africa (MENA) travel awards in Dubai.

**April 2006:** Qatar Airways picks up the Middle East Finance Deal Of The Year Award for the second time in three years at the Air Finance Conference in New York. Award recognises the unique financing deal for its Buyer Furnished Equipment with a group of three banks.

**April 2006:** Qatar Airways carried more than 6.3million passengers during the 2005/06 financial year, up from 5.6million in 2004/2005.

**February 2006:** Qatar Airways is honoured with the Inflight Service Consistency Excellence Award by Skytrax.

**November 2005:** Qatar Airways scoops four accolades at the World Travel Awards in London. They were:- Qatar Airways CEO named Personality of the Year; Leading Flat Bed Seat in First Class; Best Inflight Meal Service and Leading Airline in the Middle East.

**October 2005:** Qatar Airways Chief Executive Officer Akbar Al Baker is honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by organisers of the Arab World Travel and Tourism Conference and Exhibition in Beirut.

**September 2005:** Qatar Airways retains the stringent IOSA (IATA Operational Safety Audit) which it originally secured in 2003 as the first airline in the world to pass the audit with 100 per cent compliance.

**August 2005:** As Official Airline of the 15<sup>th</sup> Asian Games in Doha, Qatar Airways takes delivery of the first of several Asian Games branded A330 aircraft.

**2004:** Qatar Airways joins a small elite group of airlines to be awarded the prestigious Five Star ranking for service excellence by Skytrax, the independent airline industry audit.

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