

Qatar Airways Achievements

Airline of The Year 2011, 2012, 2015 & 2017

Runner up Airline of the Year 2013, 2014 & 2016

(Skytrax Airline Global Industry Audit)

December 2017: Qatar Airways has been named 'Best Airline for International First Class,' 'Best First-Class Seat Design,' and 'Best Airline in the Middle East,' for the second consecutive year by the Global Traveller Tested Reader Survey Awards, one of the most respected awards in the business travel industry.

December 2017: Qatar Airways achieved the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) NDC Level 3 Certification.

November 2017: Qatar Airways Announces Its Acquisition of 9.61% of Cathay Pacific

November 2017: Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Named 'Aviation Executive of the Year' by Industry Body CAPA

October 2017: Qatar Airways' In-Flight Magazine, ORYX, Wins Custom Redesign of the Year at Folio's 2017 Eddie & Ozzie Awards

October 2017: Qatar Airways has further strengthened its commitment to Italy with the acquisition of 49 per cent of AQA Holding, the new parent company of Meridiana fly (Meridiana), while the previous sole shareholder Alisarda has kept 51 per cent.

October 2017: Qatar Airways Wins 'Best Airline' Award At the 2017 UK Business Traveller Awards

October 2017: Qatar Airways Wins Top Awards for 'Best Cabin Service' and 'Best Food and Beverage' at the 2017 APEX Passenger Choice Awards

September 2017: Qatar Airways has been awarded 'Best Cabin Service' and 'Best Food and Beverage' at the 2017 APEX Passenger Choice Awards held during the annual APEX Expo.

September 2017: Qatar Airways has been awarded the 'Best Up In The Air Experience' award for the third consecutive year and the 'Best Baggage Initiative' award at the Future Travel Experience Global 2017 awards ceremony in Las Vegas.

July 2017: Qatar Airways has achieved 100 per cent compliance in the IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA), verifying its status as one of the world's safest and most secure airlines.

June 2017: On 20 June 2017, Qatar Airways has been named as 'Airline of the Year' by the prestigious 2017 Skytrax World Airline Awards for the fourth time at the Paris Airshow 2017. The airline also won Best First Class Airline Lounge, Best Airline in the Middle East and World's Best Business Class.



May 2017: Qatar Airways' frequent flyer programme, Privilege Club was voted the Best Rewards Programme for the Middle East, Asia and Oceania region in the sixth annual FlyerTalk Awards.

April 2017: Qatar Airways has been named the "Airline with the Best Business Class", and the "Airline with the Best Cabin Crew" at the prestigious Business Traveller Middle East Awards 2017.

April 2017: Qatar Airways won the award for Best Onboard Amenity Kits, Economy at the industry leading OnBoard Hospitality Awards, while Pax International presented the airline with the award for best Economy Class amenity kit in the Middle East.

March 2017: on 25 March, Qatar Airways received the 'Airline of the Year' award at the 2017 Air Transport Awards.

March 2017: On 19 March 2017, Qatar Airways' home and hub, Hamad International Airport (HIA), was ranked Sixth Best Airport in the World by the 2017 Skytrax World Airport Awards. HIA was also named "Best Airport in the Middle East" and "Best Staff Service in the Middle East".

March 2017: Qatar Airways unveiled its new Business Class experience 'Qsuite' in a world exclusive ceremony at ITB Berlin.

Feb 2017: On 26 February, Qatar Airways Cargo received the Global Cargo Airline of the Year award at Air Cargo Africa.

Feb 2017: Qatar Airways in-flight entertainment system, Oryx One, was awarded for content innovation at the fourth annual in-flight workshop and awards at Aircraft Interiors Middle East.

Feb 2017: On 5 February 2017 Qatar Airways broke the world record for operating the longest commercial flight from Auckland to Doha.

Jan 2017: Qatar Airways' home of operations Hamad International Airport achieves the coveted '5-Star Airport' award by Skytrax.

Feb 2017: Qatar Airways in-flight entertainment system, Oryx One, was awarded for content innovation at the fourth annual in-flight workshop and awards at Aircraft Interiors Middle East.

Feb 2017: On 5 February 2017 Qatar Airways broke the world record for operating the longest commercial flight from Auckland to Doha.

Jan 2017: Qatar Airways' home of operations Hamad International Airport achieves the coveted '5-Star Airport' award by Skytrax.

Dec 2016: Qatar Airways was awarded three honours from Global Traveller Magazine: Best Airline for International First Class, Best First-Class Seat Design and, for the third time, Best Airline in the Middle East.

Dec 2016: Qatar Airways received the Best Premium Service Concept 2016 award for exceptional on-board catering innovation from the Mercurys Awards.

Nov 2016: On 15 November 2016, Qatar Airways was named Best Customer Experience at the Customer Show Awards 2016 hosted by Terrapinn, at a ceremony that was held in Dubai.



Nov 2016: Qatar Airways was honoured for the fifth year in a row as Best Middle East Airline Serving China at the 2016 Business Traveller China Awards. The Doha-based carrier also claimed the 2016 World Traveller Awards' Airline with the Best In-flight Entertainment Award and was named one of 2016 Top 10 Airlines by Travel + Leisure China, adding to its illustrious collection of accolades.

Nov 2016: Qatar Airways was announced as the Best Airline in the World, by AirHelp Worldwide, based in New York City. Qatar Airways captured the number one spot over 77 other airlines ranked by AirHelp internationally.

Nov 2016: Qatar Airways received three prestigious accolades at the 2016 Travel Weekly Magellan Awards held in New York. Gold, the highest honour, was awarded to Qatar Airways for its International Business Class experience on the A350 aircraft, and Silver was awarded for its International Economy Class as well as its A350 and Going Places Together brand campaign.

Nov 2016: Qatar Airways was presented with the Airline of the Year award at the CAPA Aviation Awards for Excellence during a gala dinner at the Okura Hotel Amsterdam.

Oct 2016: On 25 October, Qatar Airways was named Best Full Service Airline in Western Asia for the second year in a row at the Future Travel Experience (FTE) Asia Awards 2016 at a ceremony held in Singapore.

Oct 2016: On 15 October, Qatar Airways' exclusive Al Safwa First Lounge at Hamad International Airport was presented the prestigious Seven Star First Class Lounge Award by the Seven Stars Luxury Hospitality and Lifestyle Awards at an award ceremony held in Marbella, Spain.

Oct 2016: Qatar Airways Cargo won the prestigious Overall Carrier of the Year award at the Payload Asia Awards event, voted for by readers of the international industry publication.

Oct 2016: On 3 October, Qatar Airways was awarded Best Business Class and Best Middle Eastern Airline at the 2016 Business Traveller Awards held in London.

Sep 2016: Qatar Airways was once again named the Best Middle Eastern/African Airline at the 2016 Business Traveller Asia-Pacific Awards held in Hong Kong on 23 September, 2016. This marks the seventh consecutive year the airline has received this accolade.

Sep 2016: Qatar Airways was awarded Best Up in the Air Experience at the Future Travel Experience Awards for the second consecutive year, at the Future Travel Experience Global 2016 held in Las Vegas.

Sep 2016: Qatar Airways won the coveted 'Best for Business' accolade at the Condé Nast Traveller 'Readers Travel Awards' held in London with readers highlighting industry leading on-board experience and premium lounges.

July 2016: Qatar Airways took home three honours at the annual Skytrax 2016 World Airline Awards held during the Farnborough Airshow in the UK. The airline was awarded *World's Best Business Class*, *World's Best Business Class Airline Lounge* and, *Best Airline Staff Service in the Middle East*.

April 2016: Qatar Airways receives two prestigious accolades at the Business Traveller Middle East Awards 2016 – *Airline with the Best Business Class*, and *Best Airport Lounge in the Middle East* for the Al Mourjan Business Lounge in Hamad International Airport.



March 2016: Qatar Airways achieved the impressive benchmark of having one million followers on Instagram, the world's most popular photo-sharing platform.

February 2016: Qatar Airways was recognised for Middle East Content Innovation at the third annual Inflight workshop and awards held in partnership with F&E Aerospace, the organiser of Aircraft Interiors Middle East. The award recognises the outstanding quality of Qatar Airways' on-board entertainment platform, Oryx One.

February 2016: Qatar Airways is ranked as one of the world's most valuable brands for the first time, becoming the only Qatari company to be represented in the 2016 top 500 global brand ranking.

December 2015: On December 8, 2015 the airline made history when it became the first airline to fly the Airbus A350 to the United States, making it the first to fly the aircraft to three continents. On December 9, 2015 Qatar Airways launched its new global brand campaign – *Going Places Together* at a press conference held in New York City. .

November 2015: Qatar Airways becomes a Corporate Partner of the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS). Qatar Airways is named *Best Full Service Airline* in Western Asia at the inaugural Future Travel Experience (FTE) Asia Awards 2015 held in Singapore, In addition, it was named *Best Middle East Airline Serving China* at the 2015 Business Traveller China Awards, for the fourth consecutive year; and was named *Asia Pacific Airline of the Year* at the 2015 CAPA Aviation Awards for Excellence held in Singapore.

October 2015: Qatar Airways won a trio of awards at the 2015 Business Traveller Awards held in London. The airline picked up the awards for *Best Airline*, *Best Business Class Airline* and *Best Middle Eastern Airline* categories, while the oneworld airline alliance, of which Qatar Airways has been a member since 2013, won *Best Airline Alliance*.

October 2015: Qatar Airways is voted *Best Middle Eastern Airline* for the tenth consecutive year at the 26th Annual TTG Travel Awards.

September 2015: Qatar Airways secured a digital milestone by becoming the world's first to pass the 10-million-fan mark on Facebook, reaffirming its position as the world's most popular airline on the most popular social media network.

September 2015: Qatar Airways is awarded at the Condé Nast Traveller 'Readers' Travel Awards' with *Best For Business* accolade with readers commending the airline's on-board service, on-time departure punctuality record and lounge facilities at both the London Heathrow Premium Lounge and the Al Mourjan Business Lounge, Doha.

September 2015: Qatar Airways' world-class in-flight experience is awarded the *Best Up In the Air* Experience award during the Future Global Travel Experience 2015.

August 2015: Qatar Airways receives two awards at the Australian Business Traveller Awards with its A380 Lounge being named "Best Inflight Lounge" and its A350 Economy Class cabin picking up the "Best Economy Class" accolade.

June 2015: Qatar Airways triumphs again at the annual Skytrax awards held at the Paris Air Show by winning three accolades, including the title of *Airline of the Year*. The carrier also won Skytrax's *Best Middle East* airline award for the ninth time and also secured the *Best Business Class Seat* award.



May 2015: Qatar Airways is honoured in Dubai as the *Airline with the Best Business Class*, voted by readers of the Middle East edition of the prestigious industry magazine *Business Traveller*.

May 2015: Qatar Airways receives the *Best on Time Performance 2014* award by Dubai Airports and also the "Incheon Airport 2014 Airline Awards" for its on-time performance in Seoul, South Korea.

May 2015: Qatar Duty Free took home three prestigious awards at the 2015 Duty Free News International Global Awards. As well as winning the award for *Global Travel Retailer of the Year* – the most coveted prize at the annual ceremony – Qatar Duty Free also walked away with awards for *Airport Travel Retailer of the Year* and *Best New Shop Opening* (since January 2014) for its Marmalade Market concept at Hamad International Airport (HIA).

May 2015: Qatar Airways' Missoni sleeper suit is awarded as best in the "Textiles" category at the Onboard Hospitality Awards held at Hamburg.

April 2015: Qatar Airways received two Gold Awards for its luxurious new First and Business Class amenity kits at the 2014 TravelPlus Awards. The airline won gold for its exclusive Italian designer Giorgio Armani Fragrances & Beauty First Class Male amenity kit and the Business Class Middle East amenity kit.

March 2015: Hamad International Airport (HIA) won three awards at the Skytrax Airport Award Ceremony held on the sidelines of the Passenger Terminal Expo 2015 in Paris. HIA won the *Best Airport in the Middle East* award and came in second as the *Best Airport in Performance and Services*. It also won the ninth position as the *World's Best Airport in Transit Services*.

January 2015: Qatar Airways is named *Best Economy Long-Haul Experience* by SKIFT, a recognised leader in world travel trends and information.

October 2014: Qatar Airways has been honoured for the fifth consecutive year as *Best Middle East Airline* at the 2014 Business Traveller Asia Pacific Awards, held in Hong Kong.

October 2014: Qatar Airways is named *Best Business Class Airline* for the second year in a row at the high profile Business Traveller Awards 2014 (UK Edition), held in London.

October 2014: Qatar Airways won multiple distinctions at the 2014 SAVEUR Magazine's annual Culinary Travel Awards, held in New York. The airline collected four honours in three categories – Readers' Choice: Airport Lounge for Qatar Airways at London Heathrow Airport; Notable Airport Lounge for Qatar Airways Premium Terminal, Doha International Airport; Notable In-flight Beverages and Notable In-flight Dining (First & Business Class).

July 2014: Qatar Airways took home three honours at the annual Skytrax 2014 World Airline Awards held during the Farnborough Air Show in the UK. The airline was awarded *World's Best Business Class* for the second year consecutively, *World's Best Business Class Airline Lounge* for the second time consecutively and, *Best Airline in the Middle East* for the eighth time.

April 2014: Qatar Duty Free, part of the Qatar Airways Group and the second largest Duty Free operator in the Middle East, wins the title of *Travel Retailer of The Year* for the third time at the Duty Free News International (DFNI) Global Awards for travel retail excellence in London.

March 2014: Qatar Airways Group took home two awards at the 2014 Air Transport News Awards, held in Istanbul. In addition to Qatar Airways winning *Airline of the Year*, Doha International Airport was also honoured with *Airport of the Year 10-30 Million Passengers*.



January 2014: Qatar Airways named *Business Airline of the Year*, and for the second year in a row *Best Long-Haul Airline* at the high profile UK Business Travel Awards 2014 which was held in London.

January 2014: Qatar Airways named *Best Business Class* at the 25th Annual Best in Business Travel Awards, held in Los Angeles. The airline was additionally honored as the *Best Business Class in the Middle East* and named *Best Airline in the World for International Travel* for the 5th consecutive year.

November 2013: Qatar Airways named *Best Middle East Airline Servicing China* at the Business Traveller China Awards held in Beijing.

November 2013: Qatar Airways named *Best Business Class* at the Business Traveller Awards 2013 (UK edition), held in London.

October 2013: For the eighth consecutive year, Qatar Airways was named *Best Middle Eastern Airline* at the TTG Asia Travel Awards held in Thailand's capital city of Bangkok.

September 2013: Qatar Airways is named *Best Airline in the Middle East and Africa* for the fourth consecutive time at the 2013 Business Traveller Asia Pacific Awards held in Hong Kong.

June 2013: Qatar Airways took home three honours at the annual Skytrax 2013 World Airline Awards held during the Paris Air Show. The airline was awarded *World's Best Business Class*, *World's Best Business Class Lounge* and, for the second consecutive year, *Best Airline Staff Service* in the Middle East.

May 2013: Qatar Duty Free, part of the Qatar Airways Group and the second largest Duty Free operator in the Middle East, wins the title of *Travel Retailer of The Year* at the Duty Free News International (DFNI) Global Awards for travel retail excellence in London.

May 2013: Qatar Airways is honoured in Dubai with the *Best Cabin Crew in the World* award as voted by readers of the Middle East edition of the prestigious industry magazine *Business Traveller*.

April 2013: Qatar Airways' impeccable safety standards across the airline's entire operations were recognised by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) on the 10th anniversary of IATA's *Operational Safety Audit Programme*. (IOSA).

April 2013: Qatar Airways' Premium Terminal at Doha International Airport (DIA) was named *World's Best Premium Service Airport* for the third year running at the annual *Skytrax 2013 World Airport Awards*. The Qatar Airways-owned Oryx Rotana was also awarded *Best Airport Hotel in the Middle East* for the second year running and ranked among the top three airport hotels in the world.

February 2013: Qatar Airways was awarded *Best Intercontinental Airline* at the Grand Travel Awards, held in Stockholm by the travel trade magazine *Travel News*. The accolade is the most prestigious award in the Swedish travel and airline industry.

January 2013: Qatar Airways voted Best Long-Haul Airline at the 18th annual Business Travel Awards in London, organised by UK-based Buying Business Travel magazine.

January 2013: Qatar Airways named *Best Traditional Airline* for outstanding in-flight product and operational excellence at the annual Best Airline Awards in Poland, hosted by the aviation business, portal Pasazer.com.



November 2012: Qatar Airways becomes the Middle East launch customer of the Boeing 787 *Dreamliner* after taking delivery of its first 787. By the end of 2012, the airline operated three 787s out of a 60-strong order of the aircraft.

October 2012: Qatar Airways becomes the first Middle East carrier to announce plans to join a global airline alliance after being elected to become a member of *oneworld*. The airline expects to officially join in late 2013.

October 2012: Qatar Airways is named Best Airline in Middle East and Africa for the seventh year running at the 2012 TTG Asia awards held in Bangkok.

October 2012: Qatar Airways is once again named Best Airline in the Middle East and Africa at the 2012 Business Traveller Asia Pacific Awards held in Hong Kong.

July 2012: Qatar Airways triumphs at the annual Skytrax awards held at the Farnborough Air Show in the UK by winning three accolades, including the title of *Airline of the Year* for the second year running. The carrier also won Skytrax's *Best Middle East* airline award for the seventh consecutive year and also secured the *Best Airline Staff Service* award in the Middle East.

July 2012: Qatar Airways, the Middle East launch customer of the Boeing 787 *Dreamliner*, showcases its first 787 to the world for the first time with a static and aerial display at the Farnborough Air Show in the UK.

July 2012: Qatar Airways Chief Executive Officer Akbar Al Baker is honoured by the editorial team of esteemed UK-based aviation boardroom magazine *Airline Business* for his leadership in developing the airline into a world renowned business. He was given the honour at the annual Airline Strategy Awards held in the UK.

July 2012 Qatar Airways launches flights to its second point Down Under with non-stop scheduled services between Doha and Perth in Western Australia

June 2012: Qatar Airways Chief Executive Officer Akbar Al Baker is voted onto the Board of Governors of the global aviation industry body, International Air Transport Association (IATA), during the group's AGM in Beijing.

June 2012: Qatar Airways acquires a US\$3.2million comprehensive aircraft recovery equipment – the first airline in the world to own the complete state-of-the-art kit, which is transportable and capable of recovering the world's largest passenger aircraft, Airbus A380, from incident sites anywhere in the world.

May 2012: Readers of Business Traveller Middle East magazine voted Qatar Airways *Best Business Class in the World* for the second year in a row.

April 2012: Qatar Airways receives the *Best on Time Performance 2011* award by Dnata, operator of Dubai International Airport. The airline won the award in the "Over 1,000 flights per year" category, beating more than 140 other international airlines for the top accolade.

April 2012: Qatar Airways' Premium Terminal at Doha International Airport (DIA) named *World's Best Premium Service Airport* for the second year running at the annual *Skytrax 2012 World Airport Awards 2012*. The Qatar Airways-owned Oryx Rotana was also awarded *Best Airport Hotel in the Middle East* and ranked 10th best airport hotel in the world.



April 2012: Qatar Airways voted *Best Middle Eastern Airline Servicing China* by readers of the country's most respected travel trade magazine, TTG China at the high-profile 5th Annual TTG China Travel Awards, held in Shanghai.

December 2011: Qatar Airways was named, for the third consecutive year, *Best Airline for International Travel* by Business Traveller USA magazine at an awards ceremony in Los Angeles. The airline was also awarded *Best Business Class to the Middle East*.

November 2011: Qatar Airways named *Airline of the Year 2011* by Aviation Business, a leading Middle East industry magazine, at an awards ceremony during the Dubai Air Show.

October 2011: Qatar Airways named Best Airline in Middle East and Africa for the sixth year running at the 2011 TTG Asia awards in Bangkok.

October 2011: Qatar Airways was awarded, for the third consecutive year, *Best Airport Lounges for First and Business Class Middle East 2011* by the North American-based publication Pax International at the International Travel Catering Association (ITCA) Gala Dinner in Dubai.

October 2011: Qatar Airways achieved yet another milestone in 2011 with the delivery of its 100th aircraft – a Boeing 777-200 Long Range jet. CEO Akbar Al Baker attended the delivery ceremony in Seattle before boarding the flight to Doha.

September 2011: Qatar Airways is once again named Best Airline in the Middle East and Africa at the 2011 Business Traveller Asia Pacific Awards held in Hong Kong.

September 2011: Qatar Airways is named *Asia's Most Preferred Brand (Airline)* at the 2011 Asian Leadership Awards held in Dubai

June 2011: Qatar Airways wins an historic award – *Airline of the Year* at the annual Skytrax World Airline Awards 2011 during the Paris Air Show. The carrier also wins the *Best Middle East Airline* award for the sixth consecutive year and *Best First Class Lounge* for its exclusive Premium Terminal at Doha International Airport.

May 2011: Qatar Airways awarded *Leading Business Class Airline in the Middle East* for the sixth consecutive year at the prestigious World Travel Awards.

May 2011: Qatar Airways named *Best Business Class Airline* at the annual Business Traveller Middle East Awards.

April 2011: Qatar Airways reaches 100 destinations worldwide with the launch of scheduled flights from Doha to Aleppo in Syria.

March 2011: Doha International Airport's Premium Terminal awarded '*Best Premium Service Airport*' by Skytrax.

December 2010: Qatar Airways named *Best Airline in the World for International Travel* by readers of Business Traveller magazine in the US.

November 2010: Qatar Airways wins the Best Airport Lounges in the Middle East for First and Business Class award at the Pax International Awards in Dubai.



October 2010: Qatar Airways named Best Middle Eastern Airline for the 5th year running at the 2010 TTG Asia awards in Bangkok.

September 2010: Qatar Airways named Best Middle East Airline at the 2010 Business Traveller Asia Pacific Awards held in Hong Kong.

September 2010: Qatar Airways wins the Aviation Company of the Year accolade at the Aviation Business Qatar awards.

July 2010: Qatar Airways honoured with key environment accolade, presented by Airline Business. The award was presented at the annual Airline Strategy Awards held in London.

July 2010: Qatar Airways receives its 20th Boeing 777 aircraft and 86th overall.

June 2010: Qatar Airways launches its first routes to South America, with daily flights to Sao Paulo and Buenos Aires. The airline now serves six continents.

May 2010: Qatar Airways achieves another milestone taking delivery of its first Boeing 777 freighter aircraft to join its existing cargo-only fleet.

May 2010: Skytrax acknowledges Qatar Airways as the 3rd *Best Airline in the World*. The airline also wins *World's Best Business Class* award and *World's Best Business Class Catering* accolade. Qatar Airways also receives *Best Airline in the Middle East* for the fifth consecutive year and becomes the first airline to receive the *Staff Service Excellence Award for the Middle East*. The new award replaces the Best Cabin Staff in the Middle East category, which Qatar Airways has won for the past seven years. The expanded category now includes airline staff at all passenger touch points, including onboard, reservations, check-in and airport personnel.

May 2010: At the Business Traveller Middle East Awards, Qatar Airways wins the title *Best Economy Class in the Middle East* for the second year running.

May 2010: Qatar Airways retains its title *Leading Business Class Airline in the Middle East* title as voted by travel industry professionals in the prestigious World Travel Awards, an honour that the airline has now held for five consecutive years. The airline's exclusive Premium Terminal for First and Business Class passengers at Doha International Airport was named *Leading Airport Lounge in the Middle East*.

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 7th year running in 2009; Qatar Airways voted Best Airline in the Middle East for the 4th 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 19th 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 50th 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 4th year running and 2nd best in the world. Airline's global ranking rises to 6th 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 15th 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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