



40th Anniversary

Iberia & Airbus 1981- 2021

Our history

- **A-300:** Airbus family is born
- **A-340/300:** Contemporary stage begins
- **A-340/600:** Majestic in the skies



A-300

Airbus family is born



FAST WIDE-BODY JET FOR MEDIUM-RANGE FLIGHTS (1981-2002)

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Thecnical data:	
Propulsion: 2 engines Pratt & Withney JT9D-59 A	
Range: 4.200km	
Length: 53,85m	
Wingspan: 44,84m	
Seats: 251-255	

Airbus A-300 arrived at Iberia to replace the DC-8/63 on high density European routes and flights to the Canary Islands.

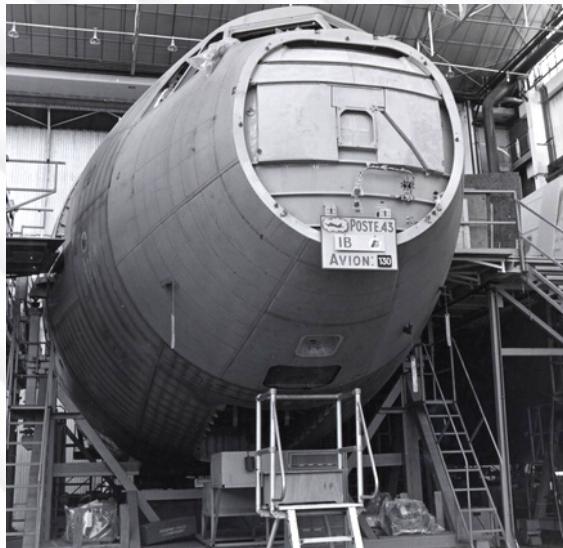
An order for four units was signed on **December 28th, 1978**, later expanded to six.

First four units arrived in **1981** and were named "**Doñana**" (EC-DLE), "**El Teide**" (EC-DLF), "**Tablas de Daimiel**" (EC-DLG) and "**Aigües Tortes**" (EC-DLH).

And in February 1982, "**Islas Cíes**" (EC-DNI) and "**Ordesa**" (EC-EC-DNR).



A-300



DOÑANA

Assembly of Iberia's first A-300 at the Airbus factory in Toulouse.



ARRIVAL TO MADRID

Our **first A-300** is already at home!



FIRST MAD-ORY FLIGHT:

On **March 29th, 1981**, "Doñana" made its **first flight** bound for Paris.

A **commemorative envelope** was created to celebrate.



A-340/300

Contemporary stage begins



FOUR-ENGINE FOR LONG-HAUL FLIGHTS (1996-2018)



Technical data:

Propulsion: 4 engines CFM56-5C4

Range: 12.700km

Length: 63,70m

Wingspan: 63,30m

Seats: 254

On **May 11th, 1988**, Iberia and Airbus signed a historical contract by which the airline acquired 15 A320/200, took options on 7 more units of this model and joined to the group of A-340 launcher customers. Never before, an airline had committed to an aircraft model three years before its first flight and four years before its commercial entry into service.

In **1996**, the first **A-340/300** arrived to replace the DC-10 on long-haul flights to Latin America.

On **January 4th, 1998**, A-340 "Emilia Pardo Bazán" aircraft's high fuel efficiency allowed to fly non-stop the route to **Santiago de Chile**, covering a distance of 10,700 km in 13 hours and 30 minutes.



A-340/300



CONCHA ESPINA

On **February 29th, 1996** Iberia took delivery of the first A-340/300 "**Concha Espina**". The entire A-300 family was named after **illustrious Spanish women** such as "**Rosalia de Castro**", "**Teresa de Avila**" or "**Agustina de Aragon**".

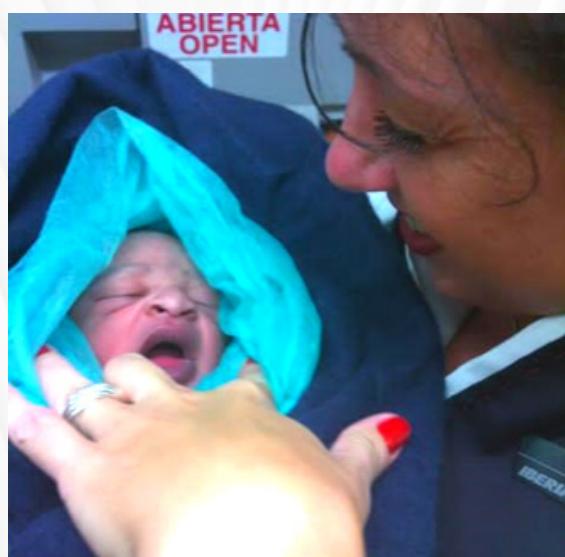
The last of these aircraft arrived in **2003**.



MADRID - CANARY ISLANDS

The **first A-340/300** flight was to **Gran Canaria** and the second to **New York**.

With their **CFM56-5 engines**, Iberia's A-340/300 incorporated a spacious configuration of **249 seats** distributed in: 5 for First Class, 42 for Business Class and 202 for Economy.



BIRTHS ON BOARD

In **1999**, a baby was born on board an **A-340/300** bound for **Bogota**, but he would not be the only one on an Airbus...

On **June 3th, 2011**, on an **A-319** flying to **Malabo**, **Antonino** was born and the **TCP Inma Alcazar**, who attended him during the delivery, became his godmother.



A-340/600

Majestic in the skies



HIGH CAPACITY TO FLY TO LATIN AMERICA (2003-2020)

Technical data:



Propulsion: 4 m Rolls Royce Trent - 556

Range: 12.600km

Length: 74,77m

Wingspan: 63,45m

Seats: 359

First A-340/600 of Iberia, christened "**Gaudí**", arrived on **June 2003**, fleet that came to replace the B-747.

Iberia eventually had **around twenty** aircraft of this model and over the course of its long history in the company, they were retrofitted to adapt them to the new passenger cabins and include the in-flight entertainment system.

EARLY WITHDRAWAL

The **coronavirus pandemic** required airlines to become even more efficient, to the point of accelerating projects such as Iberia's anticipating the **retirement of its A-340/600 fleet**.

As a result, Iberia now operates a long-haul fleet of **A-330 and A-350**, both new-generation aircraft, which are **highly technologically advanced** and **more sustainable**.



A-340/600



ILLUSTRIOS SPANISH MEN

The entire **A-340 family** was named with **illustrious Spanish men** such as: "**Gaudi**", "**Joaquin Rodrigo**" or "**Antonio Machado**".



LA ROJA'S BIG DAY

Iberia **A-340/600** took **National Team** from **South Africa** back to **Spain** with **World Cup**.

On its fuselage, the **A-340/600** bore the words "*Champions*" and "*Proud of our national team*".

The arrival in Madrid became part of our history.



LAST FLIGHT

Flight **IB6454** from **Quito** to **Madrid** on **August 2nd, 2020** ended **Airbus A-340 24 years of operations** in Iberia fleet.

In this flight travelled **296 passengers** and **5.310 kg** of cargo was transported.

Our present

- **A-319, 320 y 321:** Airbus family grows
- **A-330:** Symbol of Iberia´s transformation



A-320, A-319 Y A-321

Airbus family grows



A-320 (1991)

First A320-200 "Sierra de Cazorla" arrived in 1990 and made its **first flight** on February 14th, 1991 to **Frankfurt**.



Technical data:

Propulsion: 2 engines CFM56-5B4

Range: 3.000km

Length: 37,57m

Wingspan: 34,10m

Seats: 180



A321 (1999)

First aircraft, christened "**Benidorm**" (EC-HAC), made its maiden flight on June 5th to **Amsterdam**.



Technical data:

Propulsion: 2 engines CFM56-5B1

Range: 3.300km

Length: 44,51m

Wingspan: 34,10m

Seats: 220



A319 (2000)

On January 14th, 2000, First A-319 "**Ribeira Sacra**" (EC-HGR) joined the short and medium-haul fleet.



Technical data:

Propulsion: 2 engines CFM56-5B5

Range: 1.800km

Length: 33,84m

Wingspan: 34,10m

Seats: 141



A-319, 320 y 321



1992: THE YEAR OF SPAIN

Iberia sponsored and was the official carrier for the major events held that year: Seville World Exposition, Barcelona Olympic Games and the European Capital of Culture, held in Madrid.

The A-320 "Isla de Cartuja" was customized to commemorate the World Expo and we also carried the **Olympic torch**.



¿SIDESTICK?

In Airbus **A-320 fleet**, the traditional "**central control levers**" were replaced by the so-called "**sidestick**" or lateral control lever.



VINTAGE

To celebrate **Iberia's 80th anniversary**, an **A-319** was painted in the colors and Iberia logo in the 1950s.

A red **horizontal stripe** in the shape of a lightning bolt ran along the fuselage of the new aircraft -as it did on the DC-4s with which Iberia inaugurated flights to South America in 1946 and on the Super Constellation- together with the **logo of the land sphere**, adorned with the typical wing insignia.



A-330/300

Symbol of Iberia's transformation

In 2013 Iberia received its **first three A-330/300**, which it named after Central America: "**Tikal**", "**Costa Rica**" and "**Panama**".

It is a **twin-engine aircraft**, capable of performing transatlantic routes to the **United States**.

The main advantage of this model is its **efficiency**, as it consumes around **15% less fuel**, which translates into considerable **cost savings**.

As a novelty, these aircraft were equipped with an **advanced entertainment system**: a **15.4-inch** touch screen (almost 50% more than the previous one) in Business Class and a **9-inch** touch screen in Economy.

For the first time, **Wi-Fi** is offered to clients to connect to the internet through their mobile devices and **GSM connectivity** for sending and receiving SMS messages and personal data.

Technical data:



Propulsion: 2 engines Pratt & Whitney CF6-80

Range: 9.600km

Length: 63,67m

Wingspan: 60,30m

Seats: 292



A-330/200

Symbol of transformation

On **December 29th, 2015**, the first **A-330/200** christened "**Oaxaca**" arrived and Iberia became the first airline to receive this model manufactured in Europe.

The Oaxaca aircraft is an **A-330-200 MTOW 242t**, a more modern and improved version of that type of aircraft. With a length of **59 meters** and a wingspan of **60 meters**, it can carry **19** passengers in Business Class and **269** in Economy.

The Airbus A-330/200 are **modern, fuel-efficient twin-engine aircraft**, providing both **cost efficiencies** and **environmental benefits**.

Its range can reach up to **11,000 kilometers**, so that it can fly the company's longest routes, such as Buenos Aires or Montevideo.

Technical data:



- Propulsion:** 2 engines General Electric
- Range:** 11.000km
- Length:** 59,00m
- Wingspan:** 60,30m
- Seats:** 288

New generation

- **A-320neo:** Environmental friendly
- **A-350:** Innovation and sustainability
- **A-321XLR:** Versatility



A-320neo

Environmental friendly

In tribute to the airline industry, Iberia's first two A320neo aircraft to arrive in 2018 were named "Patrulla Aguila" and "Getafe, Cuna de la Aviacion Espanola".

Following this same **aviation theme**, several of the following aircraft are named after **female aviators** such as **Amelia Earhart**, the first to fly alone across the Atlantic and whose example also served to pay a well-deserved tribute to all Iberia female employees.

The **acronym "neo"** stands for "*new engine option*", that makes the aircraft more environmental friendly, emitting **5,000 tons less CO2 per year and 50% less NOx**.

Equipped with **Leap-1A CFM engines**, it is also **50% quieter**.



Technical data:

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Propulsion: 2 engines CFM Leap-1A

Range: 3.000km

Length: 37,57m

Wingspan: 35,80m

Seats: 186



A-350

Innovation and sustainability

The **Airbus A-350/900** is a **new-generation aircraft** with a focus on **sustainability**.

Thanks to the use of new materials such as carbon and glass fibres, titanium and an aluminium alloy, as well as a reduction in the amount of paint applied, the aircraft's weight has been reduced and, therefore, **fuel consumption and CO2 emissions by 25%**.

In addition, its improved aerodynamics, cabin insulation and the addition of RR Trent XWB-84 engines make the A-350/900 **the quietest aircraft on the market**.

Finally, the A-350/900 was delivered by Airbus with a **Performance Improvement Package** (PIP) that represents a reduction in fuel consumption of around **25%** compared to previous deliveries of the same model.

Technical data:



Propulsion: 2 engines Rolls Royce Trent XWB-84

Range: 12.500km

Length: 66,80m

Wingspan: 64,75m

Seats: 348



A-321XLR

Great versatility

IAG Group has placed an order for for **8** Airbus A321XLR aircraft for **Iberia** and 6 for Aer Lingus, plus 14 options.

Both airlines are among the **launch customers** for these long-range narrow-body aircraft.

First deliveries are scheduled for **2023**.

The A321XLR will be the **first narrow-body aircraft** that will enable flights beyond the **U.S.A east coast and Canada**.

For Iberia, this is a new type of aircraft that will allow it to **expand and operate new transatlantic destinations** and **increase frequencies** in key markets.

In addition, these aircraft will also provide **further cost efficiencies** and **environmental benefits**.





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