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Norwegian could finally welcome its first 787 Dreamliner today. The aircraft will operate the company’s long-haul routes between Scandinavia and the US and Asia.

“This is an important step towards strengthening our position in the market to ensure competitiveness in the future. Both our many customers and we at Norwegian have been looking forward to this for a long time. I’m convinced that our customers will appreciate this brand new aircraft. Our goal is to operate the most environmentally friendly and cost-efficient fleet, something the Dreamliner will significantly contribute towards,” said Norwegian’s CEO Bjørn Kjos.

“This is a tremendous milestone for Norwegian, an industry leader in its market,” said Boeing Commercial Airplanes President and CEO Ray Conner. “Norwegian gains a significant competitive advantage by operating its long-haul routes with this airplane.”

Norwegian will lease its first 787 Dreamliner from the world’s second largest aircraft lessor, The International Lease Finance Corporation (ILFC).

“We’re proudly celebrating delivery of ILFC’s first Boeing 787 Dreamliner to Norwegian Air Shuttle, our launch customer for the aircraft,” said ILFC Chief Executive Officer Henri Courpron.

The Dreamliner has many features that passengers will appreciate. The pressure in the cabin is set to simulate a lower altitude than conventional planes, which in turn reduces typical jetlag symptoms such as headaches and muscle pain. The aircraft is composed of light-weight composites and uses 20 percent less fuel than today’s similarly sized aircraft.

Norwegian currently has eight 787s on order. The carrier will use the Dreamliner to service its new long-haul routes between Scandinavia and the US and Asia.

[Click here](#) to see a film featuring all the steps of the Dreamliner’s building process.

The aircraft is scheduled to arrive Oslo Airport Gardermoen Sunday morning. Go to www.flightradar24.com for updated arrival information.

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Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA, commercially branded “Norwegian”, is a low-cost airline listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Norwegian is the second largest airline in Scandinavia and third largest low cost carrier in Europe. Close to 18 million passengers chose to fly on its network in 2012. Norwegian has a route portfolio that stretches across Europe into North Africa and the Middle East, as well as long-haul flights to the US and Southeast Asia. The company has a total of 382 routes to 121 destinations on sale and employs approximately 3,000 people in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, UK, Spain and Thailand. The company has 275 undelivered aircraft on firm order. Norwegian was founded in 1993 and its headquarter is in Fornebu, Norway. In June 2013, Norwegian was voted Europe’s best low-cost carrier of the year by the renowned SkyTrax World Airline Awards. Norwegian offers better leg room than most competitors, in-flight WiFi, world-class punctuality and a fleet of 75 aircraft with an average age of only 4.6 years.

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