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It's a kind of magic as Freddie Mercury announced as Norwegian's latest British tail fin hero

British rock legend to grace airline's aircraft

Norwegian is proud to announce that Freddie Mercury will become its latest British 'tail fin hero', with the iconic singer's portrait set to appear on two Norwegian aircraft later this year. The first Freddie Mercury tail fin will take to the skies this summer, ahead of what would have been his 71st birthday

this September.

Since Norwegian's first aircraft took to the skies, the airline has always honoured iconic figures on the tails of its aircraft, using personalities who symbolise the spirit of Norwegian by pushing boundaries, challenging the norm and inspiring others.

To reflect Norwegian's rapid growth in the UK, where it now flies 5 million UK passengers each year to more than 50 destinations, the airline is planning a series of British tail fin heroes. Freddie Mercury will become Norwegian's fifth British tail fin hero, following the announcement of footballer Bobby Moore, children's author Roald Dahl, pioneering pilot Amy Johnson and aviation maverick Sir Freddie Laker.

Freddie Mercury, born in 1946, went on to become a globally renowned singer and songwriter, best-known as the lead vocalist and co-principal songwriter of the rock band Queen. As a singer that once remarked "*I am not going to be a star. I am going to be a legend*" Freddie Mercury perfectly captures the essence of Norwegian's tail fin heroes, with his life and music inspiring generations of fans across the world. Along with being recognised as one of the greatest singers of all time, the public also voted Freddie Mercury into a BBC poll of the 100 Greatest Britons.

Norwegian's Chief Commercial Officer Thomas Ramdahl said: "*As Norwegian continues its rapid expansion in the UK, our 'tail fin heroes' offer us a perfect chance to pay tribute to some of the greatest Britons of all time. Freddie Mercury inspired generations of music fans around the globe and it is a huge honour to have one of the greatest singers of all time adorn our aircraft.*"

Freddie Mercury's 71st Birthday Party is being held at Casino Barriere Montreux, Switzerland on Saturday 2nd September 2017. The casino is also the home of the Queen Studio Experience. Proceeds will go to the [Mercury Phoenix Trust](#).

The first Freddie Mercury tail fin will take to the skies this summer when it will adorn a Norwegian Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft with the second tail fin to appear on a Norwegian 737-800 aircraft later this year.

For more information visit www.norwegian.com, www.queenonline.com,

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Norwegian in the UK:

- Norwegian carries **5.2 million UK passengers each year** from London Gatwick, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Manchester Airports to **50 destinations worldwide**
- Norwegian is the **third largest airline at London Gatwick**, with 4.6 million yearly passengers, and with more than 800 UK-based pilots and cabin crew
- In 2014, Norwegian introduced the **UK's first low-cost, long haul flights to the U.S.** - the airline now flies to 9 U.S destinations with fares from just £139 one way
- Norwegian is the only airline to offer **free inflight WiFi** on UK flights to more than 30 European destinations
- The airline has one of the **youngest aircraft fleets in the world** with an average age of 3.6 years, including next-generation Boeing 787 Dreamliners and Boeing 737-800s
- Norwegian has been **voted 'Europe's best low-cost carrier' by passengers** for five consecutive years at SkyTrax World Airline Awards from 2013-2017, along with being awarded the **'World's best low-cost long-haul airline'** in 2015, 2016 and 2017

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