



## Qantas Milestones



**1920** Qantas is registered as a business in Brisbane on 16 November. It has two aircraft at Longreach and operates sight-seeing and demonstration flights, before winning its first air mail contract in 1922.

**1928** Qantas begins operating flights for the Australian Aerial Medical Service, which later becomes the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

**1935** Qantas goes international, flying the Brisbane-Singapore leg of the Australia-UK air route in partnership with Britain's Empire Airways, using first DH86 aircraft and from 1938 Empire Flying Boats.

**1939-45** Qantas aircraft play a full part in the Second World War effort, including the famous 'Double Sunrise' Catalina flights non-stop from Perth to Sri Lanka.

**1947** Qantas secures government ownership to enable it compete in the growing international aviation market, while modernising its fleet with Lockheed Constellation aircraft.

**1958** Qantas is the first airline to operate round-the-world services via both hemispheres, using Super Constellation aircraft, as the airline's network expands to 23 countries.

**1959** Qantas takes delivery of its first Boeing 707, making it the first airline outside the United States to operate the revolutionary new aircraft and enabling it to pioneer regular jet services across the Pacific.

**1971** The first Qantas B747 arrives, opening up low fares and new travel opportunities for Australians.

**1974** A Qantas B747 carries a record 673 passengers on an evacuation flight out of Darwin during Cyclone Tracy.

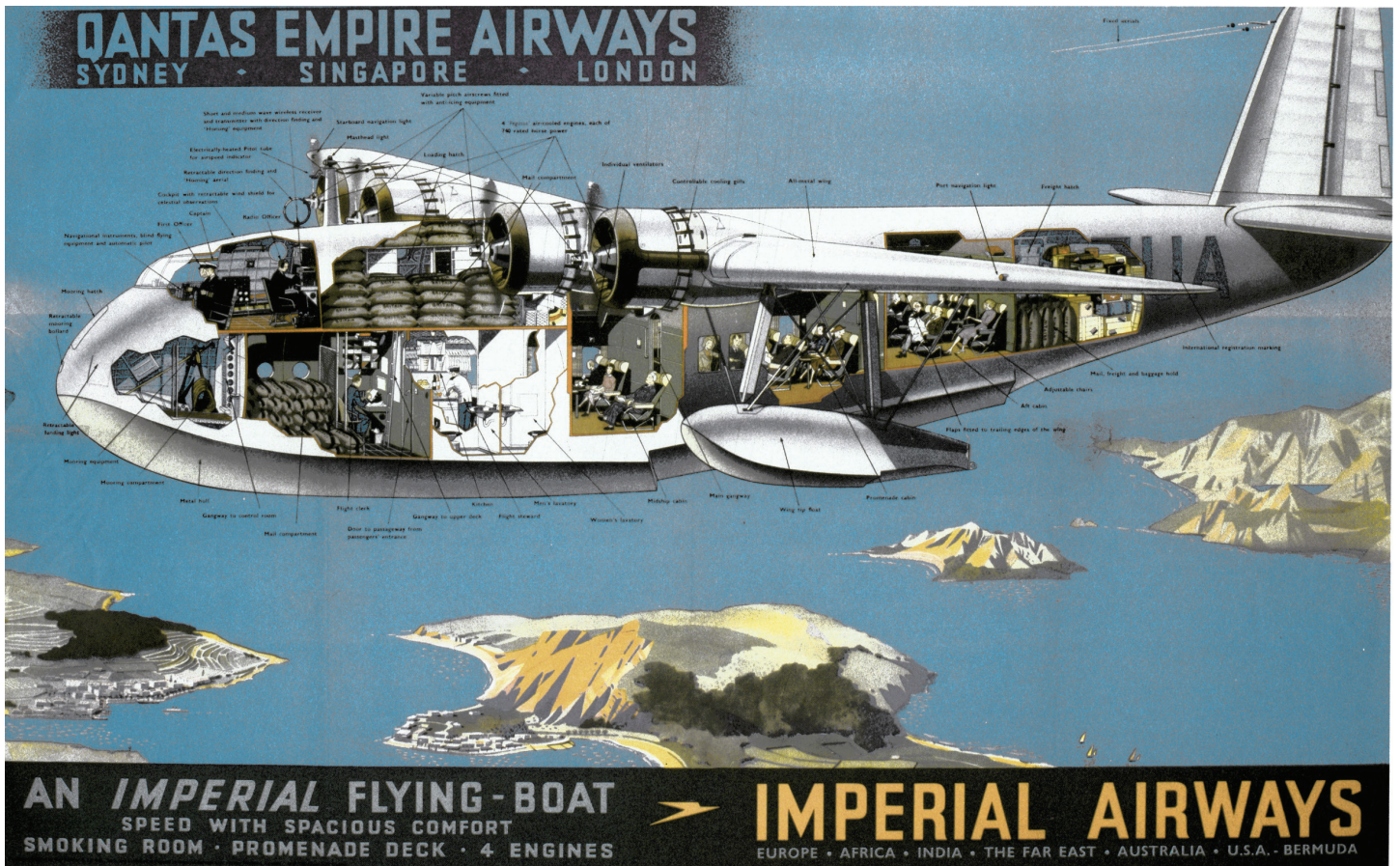
**1979** Qantas invents Business class, with the new cabin featuring on its growing B747 fleet.

**1989** Qantas' first Boeing 747-400 sets a distance record by flying non-stop from London to Sydney, heralding a new generation of long-haul travel.

**1995** Qantas is privatised and listed on the ASX, having merged with Australian Airlines three years earlier.

**1998** The oneworld alliance is formed with Qantas as a founding partner, creating a seamless global network across multiple premium airlines.





**2000** Qantas announces an order for the Airbus A380—the ‘superjumbo’.

**2002** After the Bali bombings nine Qantas relief flights deliver 2000kg of medical supplies and evacuate 1,000 Australians.

**2003** Jetstar is launched, lowering fares in the Australian domestic market and later expanding throughout Asia.

**2004** Qantas operates relief flights to Thailand, Sri Lanka and the Maldives after the Boxing Day tsunami, carrying medical equipment and doctors.

**2005** Five Qantas relief flights bring 800 Australians home after the second Bali bombings.

**2008** Qantas’ first A380 flight takes off from Melbourne to Los Angeles.

**2011** As civil unrest grips Egypt, Qantas operates two relief flights to help bring Australians home from Cairo.

**2013** Qantas launches a new global partnership with Emirates, connecting the airlines’ networks in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Europe.

**2014** Qantas puts the world’s largest aircraft on the world’s longest route Sydney to Dallas/Fort Worth

In an industry first, Qantas’ new A330 seats allow business class passengers to recline from throughout take-off and landing.

**2015** A Boeing 787 Dreamliner order for Qantas International symbolises a new era of innovation and passenger comfort for the national carrier in its 95th year.

