



A New Viking Takes Flight: SAS Names Its Latest Airbus A350 in Honour of King Frederik X

SAS names its latest Airbus A350-900 “Frederik Viking” in honor of His Majesty King Frederik X, the King of Denmark, during a ceremony at Copenhagen Airport, as the airline celebrates its 80th anniversary year.

His Majesty King Frederik X attended the naming ceremony on 18 May. The aircraft operated flight SK987 from Copenhagen to Seoul Incheon later that evening.

“It is a great honor to name this aircraft after His Majesty The King, and to celebrate Denmark in this special way,” says Anko van der Werff, President and CEO of SAS. “King Frederik X represents a modern and outward-looking Denmark, with a strong international perspective. For decades, SAS aircraft have carried Viking names, reflecting a shared Scandinavian heritage and spirit of exploration. As we celebrate 80 years of connecting Scandinavia with the world — and the world with Scandinavia — we continue to strengthen our position as one of the leading airlines in Northern Europe. The A350 is an important step in the continued modernization of our fleet, supporting more efficient, comfortable and sustainable travel. Frederik Viking will play a key role in connecting our customers across Scandinavia with destinations worldwide in the years to come.”

SAS aircraft traditionally carry Viking-inspired names, reflecting the airline’s Scandinavian heritage.

The Airbus A350 is the flagship of SAS’ long-haul fleet and serves intercontinental routes from Copenhagen to destinations across North America and Asia. From its Copenhagen hub, SAS continues to expand its global network, linking Denmark with the wider Scandinavian region and key international markets.

The aircraft forms part of SAS’ fleet renewal program and represents the most modern and fuel-efficient aircraft in its category, contributing to lower fuel consumption and reduced carbon emissions compared with previous generations.

Designed to enhance the travel experience, the A350 features a quiet cabin environment, improved air quality and advanced onboard comfort, offering customers an enhanced and more enjoyable long-haul experience.

Founded in 1946, SAS brings together the national aviation heritage of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, united by a shared ambition to connect Scandinavia globally.

The Airbus A350-900 is certified to operate using alternative aviation fuel (SAF) blends and plays a central role in SAS’ ongoing efforts to reduce emissions and build a more sustainable future for air travel.