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NOW BOARDING

With these luxurious in-flight services, the journey itself is as fabulous as the destination. PRACHI JOSHI rounds up the top-notch airline experiences



BEST SUITE ON AIR

Skytrax named **Qatar Airways** the world's best Business Class Airlines for 2018 with its Qsuite proving a hot favourite with travellers. "The Qsuite is essentially a first-class product at business-class prices," says Ajay Awtaney, editor of *Live From A Lounge*. "The doors in the suite offer enough privacy for solo travellers, and the layout works well for families as well as business travellers wishing to collaborate in the quad setup." The suite also offers full-recline beds, generous storage space, and ambient mood lighting.



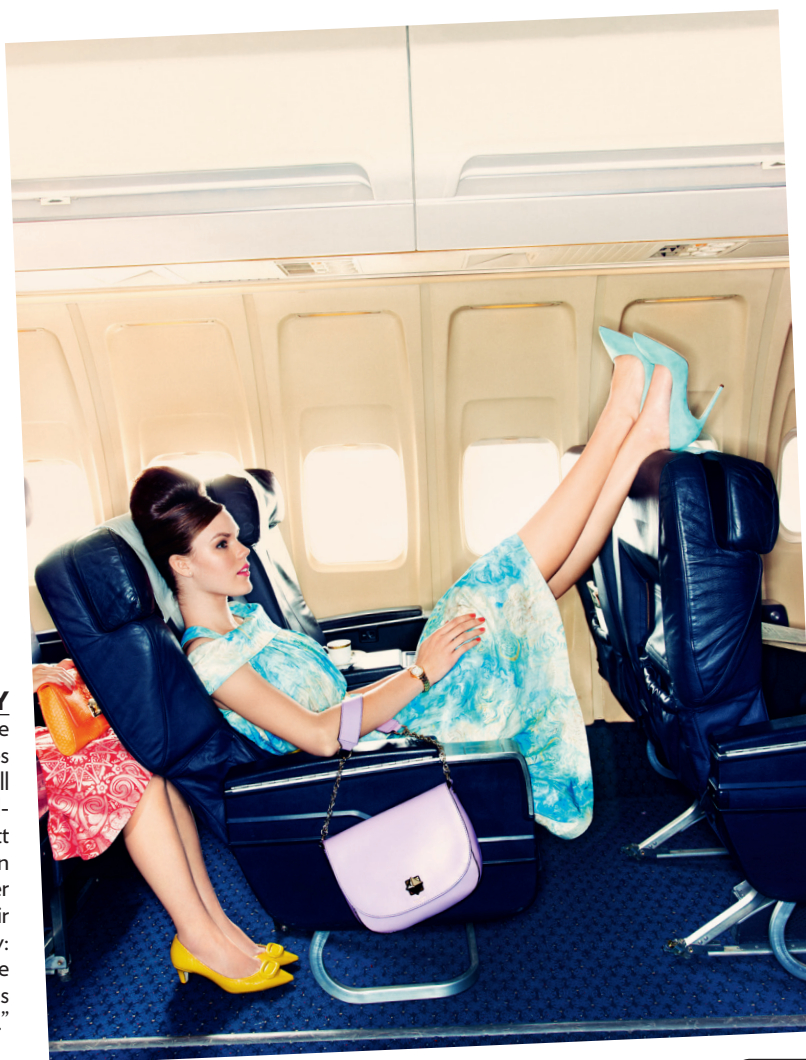
BEST MEAL IN THE SKY

Singapore Airlines was quite possibly one of the first airlines to go gourmet with its fare, all thanks to the eight world-renowned chefs like Matt Moran and George Blanc on their culinary panel. Sommelier Magandeep Singh finds their wine list especially noteworthy: "They offer an extensive choice of wines, spanning regions across France and Australia."



BEST A-LIST EXPERIENCE

Virgin Atlantic's Upper Class is perhaps the best-designed business class with direct aisle access for every seat. Akanksha Arora, CEO, Tribe by Amrapali, concurs; "It has all you need for a long-haul flight—flat bed, delicious food, and great on-board service. The staff too is warm and friendly." When flying out of Heathrow, head to the Upper Class Wing at Terminal 3 to be whisked through a private check-in into the plush Clubhouse.



BEST IN-FLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Emirates' award-winning in-flight entertainment 'ice' has 3,500 channels choc-a-bloc with movies, TV shows, games, podcasts, and learning courses. "I watch three to four movies if I am flying to Europe or the US," says travel blogger Lakshmi Sharath. Emirates has also recently launched its food and wine channels that show how it creates its on-board menus.



BEST AMENITY KIT TO TAKE HOME

Like us, Canadian actor Nick Bateman is a fan of **Etihad Airways'** amenity kit stocked with the Colonia range from Acqua di Parma. It includes a delicate bergamot and citron perfume, lip balm, and lotion, and is available to guests flying Business Class, First Class, or The Residence, Etihad's ultra-luxe, three-room apartment in the sky.



BEST LOUNGE TO RELAX

The **Turkish Airlines Lounge Istanbul** is hands-down the best business class airline lounge, with solitary spaces where you can watch the world in transit. "They have an extraordinary culinary selection with novel additions every time I fly through," says writer Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi. "They also have masseurs to help mend jet lag." ■

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