



THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT VIRGIN ATLANTIC

The airline was originally going to be called British Atlantic.

Richard Branson christened the airline's business class Upper Class (which it remains to this day) and wanted to call Economy Class Riff Raff!

On the first flight in 1984 Julian Lloyd Webber entertained passengers onboard.

When Virgin Atlantic started in 1984 there were only four office staff, now in 2007 Virgin Atlantic has over 2000 office-based employees.

Since Virgin Atlantic's first flight in 1984 we have served over 120,000,000 meals onboard.

Last year we flew nearly 5,921,766 passengers to our destinations worldwide.

When the airline first launched in 1984, cabin crew uniform included red shoes.

Since 1984 Virgin Atlantic baggage supervisors have come across some unusual items left onboard our aircraft including a set of false teeth, a hearing aid and a wooden leg!!

In 1989 Virgin Atlantic's Japanese cabin crew wore kimonos.

Virgin Atlantic's Upper Class and Premium Economy passengers have consumed over four million bottles of champagne since the first flight in 1984.

Virgin Atlantic now flies to 30 destinations with a fleet of 38 aircraft.

The average age of Virgin Atlantic's fleet of aircraft age is 5 years and 11 months.