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Norwegian increases its long-haul fleet and acquires two new Dreamliners

Norwegian has signed an agreement to acquire an additional two new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners, enabling the company to launch even more long-haul routes. Both aircraft are scheduled to enter service in summer 2017. The 787-9 is larger than the eight 787-8s that Norwegian currently operates on its long-haul routes. With this new agreement, the long-haul fleet will consist of 19 Dreamliners by 2018.

Norwegian continues to expand its international operations by signing an agreement to lease two new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft. Both aircraft

are scheduled to enter service in summer 2017. Today, Norwegian has eight 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft in its long-haul fleet, as well as 11 787-9 Dreamliners on order. The company will have 19 long-haul aircraft in its fleet by 2018, whereof four will be delivered in 2016, five in 2017 and two in 2018.

"In order to make our long-haul operation even more competitive, we are dependent on more brand new cost-efficient aircraft. Our long-haul routes have been very popular and I'm very satisfied to have secured more Dreamliners. This will enable us to launch even more routes to exiting destinations all over the world. This is a fantastic airplane with high passenger comfort, long range and low fuel burn," said Norwegian's CEO Bjørn Kjos.

The 787-9 has 344 seats whereof 35 in premium and 309 in economy. The new aircraft will be leased by Norwegian's asset company, Arctic Aviation Assets.

Facts about Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner:

- 6 meters (20 feet) longer than the 787-8
- Significantly increased cargo capacity compared to the 787-8
- 8 % lower fuel consumption per seat than today's model, which also means lower emissions
- Can fly longer than the 787-8

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Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA, commercially branded "Norwegian", is a low-cost airline listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Norwegian is the world's seventh

largest low-cost airline. The company reported its highest ever passenger figures in a single year with almost 24 million passengers in 2014. Norwegian has a route portfolio that stretches across Europe into North Africa and the Middle East, as well as long-haul flights to the US and Southeast Asia. The company has over 400 routes to more than 130 destinations and employs approximately 5,500 people. The company has several hundred undelivered aircraft on firm order. Norwegian was founded in 1993 and its headquarter is in Fornebu, Norway. Norwegian offers better leg room than most competitors, in-flight WiFi on short haul, a fleet of around 100 aircraft with an average age of only four years; one of the youngest fleets in the world. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, Norwegian was voted Europe's best low-cost carrier of the year by the renowned SkyTrax World Airline Awards. Norwegian was also the first airline to be awarded the World's best low-cost long-haul airline in 2015 by SkyTrax. In 2014, Norwegian also won three prizes at the prestigious Passenger Choice Awards for Best Airline in Europe, Best Inflight Connectivity & Communications and Best Single Achievement in Passenger Experience for its moving map on the 787 Dreamliners. In addition, Norwegian was awarded Europe's best low-cost airline by AirlineRatings.com for the second year running.

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