

Environmentally Friendly Plane?



Nevertheless, the growing number of plane poses a threat to the environment. International air travel releases more than 600 million tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere annually. Nowadays, global warming is an indisputable fact which makes growing number of tourists concern about the damage they cause by traveling. Many thus want to travel as green as possible. They choose environmentally friendly hotels and means of transport.

The fact is also reflected by the world's airlines as they want to be considered green and of course because they want to save money. The fact is that newer, environmentally friendlier planes also need less fuel. One of the revolutionary planes in this industry is the Boeing's new 787 Dreamliner jet. The plane uses 20 per cent less fuel while pumping out fewer greenhouse gases. This mid-sized aircraft seats up to 330 passengers. The materials Dreamliner jet is made of are stronger and lighter than traditional materials, which makes the plane lighter and therefore more fuel efficient. Materials like high-tech plastic composites and carbon-fiber are used in the plane's construction instead of aluminum. "There's a need for another dramatic improvement in air travel to make it more affordable, comfortable and convenient for passengers, more efficient and profitable for airlines and more environmentally progressive for our earth," Jim McNerney, the president of Boeing said. The first company that will have the Dreamliner in its fleet is Virgin Atlantic. The company will get its first four 787s in 2011 and plans to use them for new routes including non-stop flights from London to Hawaii and Perth.

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