



## Get an inside look of the brand new Airbus A350

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Lucky plane spotters received a special treat at New York JFK airport this past week. Finnair flew its new [Airbus A350-900](#) to the U.S. for a few days to show off the world's newest aircraft model, and I was fortunate enough to get an inside look during my flight from JFK to Helsinki. Take a peak and how it stacks up to [Boeing's Dreamliner](#) (the plane's closest competitor):



## Airbus A350

### Larger windows than other Airbus planes

Frequent fliers know that Airbus planes are notorious for their smaller windows. The A350 offers much larger windows than other aircraft in the Airbus family, part of an attempt to compete with Boeing's Dreamliner, which has received much praise for its big windows. The A350's windows are wider than the Dreamliner's, but still smaller overall.

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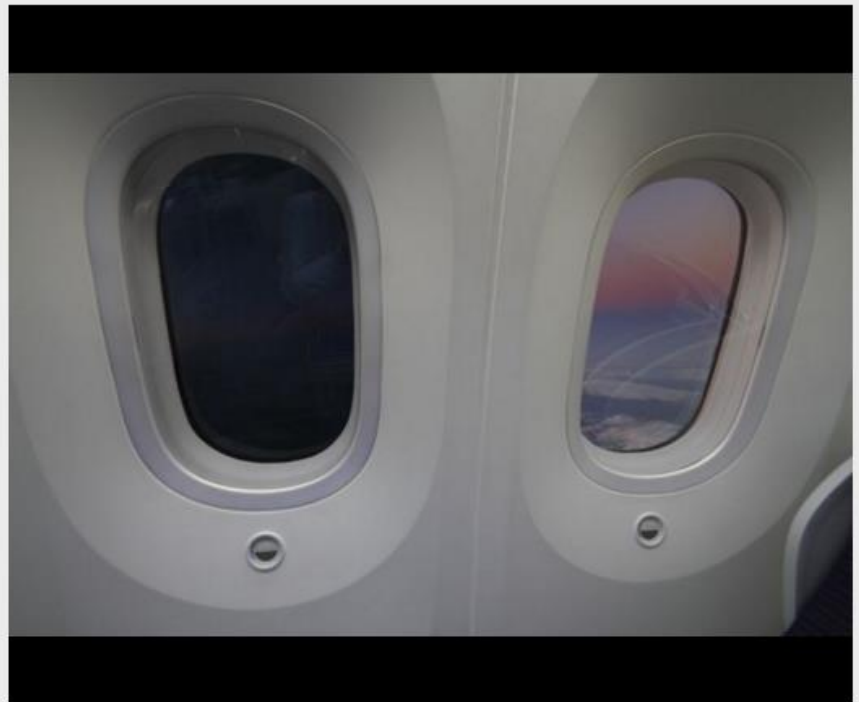


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One notable difference is that Airbus offers a more traditional window shade while its Boeing counterpart has dimmer switches (pictured here) that allow you to peer into the clouds while tinting the window to reduce light.

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### Mood lighting

Whether it helps the body clock adjust to a new time zone or simply provides a more enticing aesthetic, both the A350 and B787 offer versions of mood lighting. What sets the A350 apart is that it's got more variations than the Dreamliner.

**Similar to Icelandair**, Finnair has A350s that can even create a setting that can simulate the Northern Lights on the aircraft ceiling.

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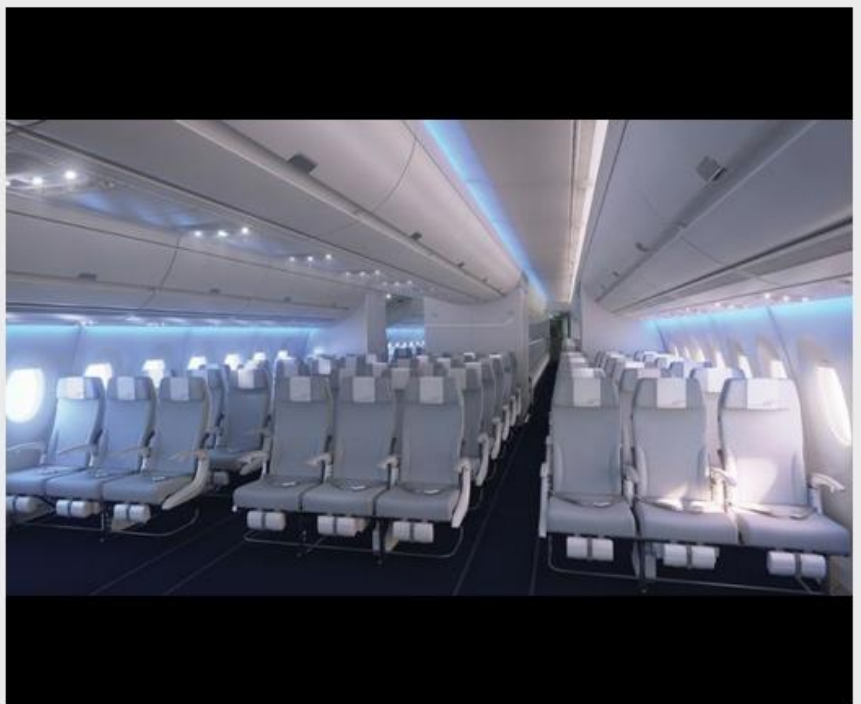


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### Wider cabin

Due to the swept-back positioning of the overhead bins, flatter side walls and higher ceilings, there is a greater sense of space for passengers. In economy class, seats aboard the Finnair A350 are at least 18 inches in width and typically come in a 3-3-3 configuration. Overall, the A350's cabin is a **few inches wider** than the Dreamliner's.

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### Extra head room

Notice how the bins curve back to allow passengers to stand up from most seats without hitting their head. Yet, the bins are quite large and can fit several rollaboard bags when turned to the side.

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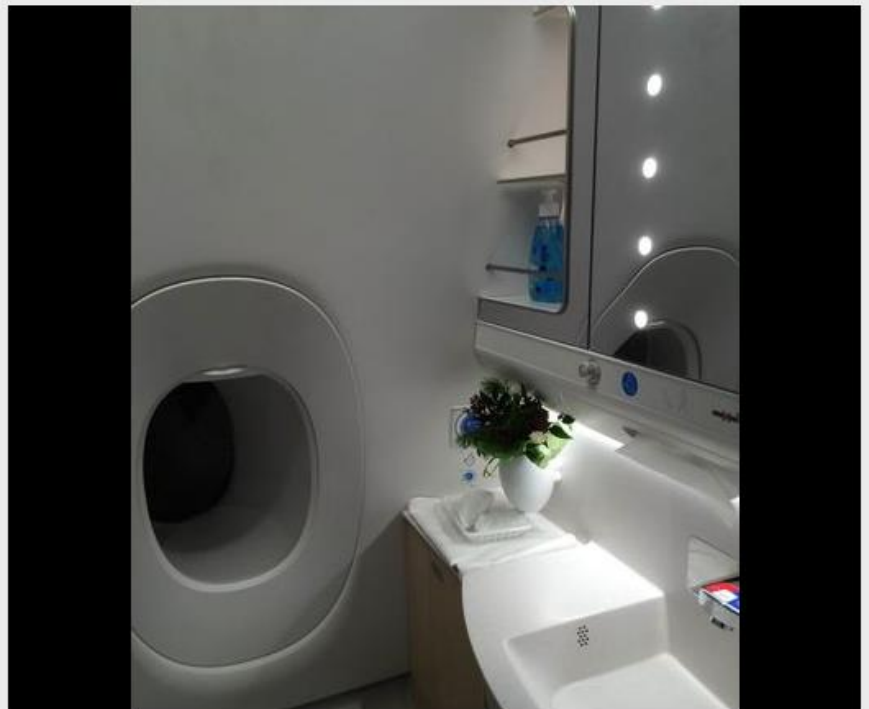


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### Loo with a view

Bathrooms have also gotten some upgrades. Windows in some lavs create the ultimate loo with a view, and water faucets are operated by motion sensors.

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### Pressurized to a lower altitude

The interior cabin altitude is pressurized to 6,000 feet, which is less than most other airliners, to give passengers a more comfortable experience. Filtration systems cycle air more often than other aircraft, which is intended to leave passengers feeling more rested and less jet-lagged upon arrival (that is if passengers don't spend the whole flight watching the larger entertainment screens at each seat).

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### Improved electronic display screens

Display screens in the cabin flash mentions of when to turn off electronic devices and when the wireless Internet is switched on (Finnair offers free Wi-Fi to business-class passengers on all A350 flights), as well as the current time.

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### Distinctive nose

How can you tell if an A350 taxis by at the airport? There are a few distinguishing features. For example, the nose is quite pointy and there is no curvature or angle between the cockpit window and nose.

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### The winglets curve backward and upward

The wings curl up and back to form fuel-efficient winglets that reduce drag in the air. Unlike other airliners, they bend back and up in a smooth curve.

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