



Finnair Business Class Flight 006 New York JFK – Helsinki Vantaa – Review

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There was no line at Finnair's business-class check in at JFK's Terminal 8, the modern home to numerous oneworld carriers including American Airlines, LAN Airlines, and Royal Jordanian, for this 6:45 p.m. flight, and within minutes a very pleasant ticket agent handed me my boarding pass and checked my bag.



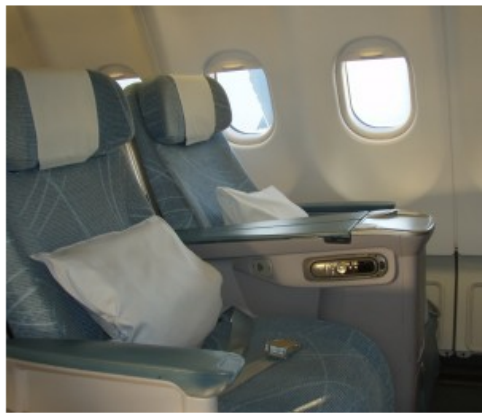
BOARDING

I used the Priority AAccess line and moved quickly through security. From there, it was a short walk to the spacious Admirals Club lounge, which Finnair shares with other members of the oneworld alliance.

The front desk attendant gave me two free drink tickets and, once I was seated with a glass of wine in hand, I accessed the free Wi-Fi, and charged my laptop at the seat side outlet.

I didn't hear a boarding announcement, but headed to the nearby gate (Gate 4) at the time printed on my ticket (6:00 p.m.) to find that boarding had already begun, and used the business-class line, which was short.

Flight attendants offered Champagne, orange juice, and water before takeoff and provided amenity kits in eco-friendly packaging, and distributed menus.



SEAT COMFORT

Business-class seating was in a 2-2-2 configuration aboard this Airbus A330-300. During the winter service (April 1 through November 4), seats on this route have a 165° recline, a 45° pitch, and a 20.5" width. (During the summer service, seats have a 180-degree recline, a 60-inch pitch, and a 21-inch width.)

Although the seat was not lie-flat, as I was on a late-March flight, it was well-designed and

comfortable, and its ergonomic padding and footrest prevented me from sliding down while I slept.

The on-demand entertainment system with seatback video screen and noise-canceling headphones provided a generous selection of movies, TV shows, news, and audio. Four episodes of "Glee" kept me amused during the flight. Power outlets accept all common plugs, so no adapters are needed.

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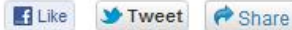
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IN-FLIGHT SERVICE

After we reached cruising altitude, wine and nuts served in iconic '60s littala Ultima Thule glassware, inspired by Lapland's melting ice, set a stylish tone. I chose the Chateau Fontesteu 2003, a red wine that is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and other varieties, and it complemented the meal well.

Dinner began with fresh salad, tasty prosciutto with melon, and cream of tomato and basil soup. The delicious soup was served in a colorful bowl that I was tempted to slip into my laptop bag when no one was looking. From the entrée choices of pasta, shrimp, and pork tenderloin, I chose the sauteed dill shrimp with asparagus, tomatoes, and basmati rice, which, although a little bland, was filling.



Dessert selections included tiramisu cake, ice cream, and fresh fruit, and coffee, cappuccino, and espresso were also offered. Friendly and efficient flight attendants distributed bottles of water after dinner.

Shortly before landing, a hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, tomato and mushrooms, with fresh fruit, yoghurt, and muesli was served.

ARRIVAL

We arrived early at Vantaa Airport, and I zipped through customs and immigration in minutes. My bag was one of the first to appear on the luggage carousel, and I was soon on my way to the adjoining Hilton Helsinki Airport.

Had I been unable to check in early at the Hilton Helsinki Airport, I would have headed to Finnair's roomy lounge at Vantaa (pictured), which offers showers, free Wi-Fi, and a vast assortment of food and drink, all within a comfortable, bright, open setting that spotlights Finnish design.

Finnair offers 130 non-stop destinations, and at its Helsinki Vantaa Airport hub, Finnair guarantees that its passengers will be able to get their bags and transfer in 35 minutes or less. U.S. business travelers often use Helsinki as a hub to connect to the Baltic countries, and Finnair also offers the shortest route from Europe to Asia from Helsinki Vantaa. Finnair's new flight to Chongqing, China starts in May as the first European route to that city of 33 million people.



BOTTOM LINE

My business-class experience on Finnair was an enjoyable one, and although the seat on this particular flight was not fully flat, I slept more comfortably on it than I ever have on any angled seat. Flight attendants were helpful, warm, and efficient, food and entertainment options were plentiful, and the Finnair lounge at Helsinki Vantaa is a pleasure.

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