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Singapore Airlines Partners with SpaceX for Starlink Inflight Wi-Fi Upgrade

Singapore Airlines will install Starlink high-speed satellite internet on select aircraft starting 2027, offering free Wi-Fi to premium and business class members.



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This article is based on an official press release from Singapore Airlines.

Singapore Airlines has officially partnered with SpaceX to bring Starlink’s high-speed, low-Earth orbit (LEO) satellite internet to its long-haul fleet. The move, announced in early May 2026, marks a significant upgrade to the carrier’s inflight connectivity, promising passengers seamless streaming, gaming, and video calling at 35,000 feet.

According to an official press release from Singapore Airlines, the rollout of the new Wi-Fi system will begin in the first quarter of 2027. The installation process is expected to be completed across eligible aircraft by the end of 2029, setting a new standard for the airline’s premium passenger experience.

We view this development as a major step forward for inflight entertainment and connectivity, addressing the latency and bandwidth limitations that have historically frustrated travelers on long-haul international flights.

Upgrading the Long-Haul Fleet

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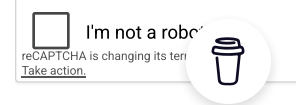


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The transition to Starlink will specifically target the airline’s primary long-haul workhorses, ensuring that passengers on the longest routes receive the most robust connectivity available.

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Targeted Aircraft

According to the company’s press release, the Starlink system will be installed on three specific aircraft types: the Airbus A350-900 long-haul, the Airbus A350-900 ultra-long-range (ULR), and the flagship Airbus A380. The A350-900 ULR is notably used for the world’s longest nonstop routes, including flights between Singapore and New York.

Next-Generation Speeds

The upgrade will replace the airline’s existing satellite connectivity with Starlink’s LEO broadband network. The press release notes that Starlink’s Aero Terminal is capable of delivering speeds of up to 1 Gbps per antenna. Because Starlink satellites orbit much closer to Earth than traditional geostationary satellites, the system significantly reduces latency, allowing passengers to enjoy reliable, high-speed internet from takeoff to landing.

The rollout begins in Q1 2027 and is expected to be completed across all eligible aircraft by the end of 2029.

In the company press release, Singapore Airlines confirmed this timeline for its fleet-wide retrofit, emphasizing a phased approach to the hardware installation.

Complimentary Connectivity Across Cabins

One of the most passenger-friendly aspects of the announcement is the inclusive pricing structure, which democratizes high-speed internet access across the aircraft.

Who Gets Free Access?

Singapore Airlines confirmed in its press release that unlimited, complimentary Wi-Fi will be available to passengers across all cabin classes, provided they meet certain criteria. Passengers flying in Suites, First Class, and Business Class, as well as PPS Club members, will receive automatic free access without any data caps.

Economy Class Inclusion

For those traveling in Premium Economy and Economy Class, the high-speed internet will also be free of charge. To access the network, these passengers simply need to enter their KrisFlyer membership details at the time of booking or check-in. This strategy effectively makes the service free for anyone willing to join the airline’s loyalty program.

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Singapore Airlines’ decision to adopt Starlink highlights a broader aviation industry shift toward LEO satellite networks. While the three-year installation window (2027–2029) may seem lengthy to some travelers, retrofitting wide-body aircraft requires scheduled maintenance windows, hardware certification, and rigorous regulatory approvals. By offering the service for free to KrisFlyer members in all cabins, the airline is leveraging inflight connectivity as a powerful tool for customer loyalty and data acquisition, setting a competitive benchmark for other global carriers.

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When will Singapore Airlines get Starlink?

According to the company's press release, installations will begin in the first quarter of 2027 and are scheduled to conclude by the end of 2029.

Which planes are getting the upgrade?

The Starlink rollout will cover the Airbus A350-900 long-haul, the Airbus A350-900 ULR, and the Airbus A380.

Will the Wi-Fi be free?

Yes. Suites, First Class, Business Class, and PPS Club members get automatic free access. Premium Economy and Economy passengers can access it for free by linking their KrisFlyer membership.

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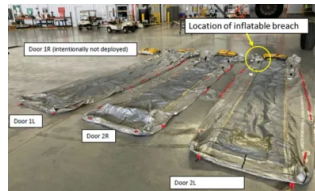
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