

= Bergen Air Transport =

Bergen Air Transport AS is an airline based at Bergen Airport , Flesland in Norway . In addition to charter aviation and an aviation workshop , it offers a scheduled service between Bergen and Notodden Airport , Tuven . The airline operates two Beechcraft B200 King Air aircraft and one Cessna Citation CJ2 . The airline was established in 1998 , offering seaplane charter flights using Cessna 421 aircraft . The service to Notodden started in 2000 ; a Cessna 441 was acquired in 2003 , and from 2006 the company has used two Beechcraft . The company is owned by Geir Hellsten and Håkon Lie @-@ Nielsen .

= = Operation = =

The airline operates two 12 @-@ seat Beechcraft King Air B200 aircraft , and one seven @-@ seat Cessna Citation CJ2 executive jet . It has its main operational base at Bergen Airport , Flesland , but also has facilities at Notodden Airport , Tuven . The company has ten pilots ; its main services are private charter and aviation @-@ mechanical services , but the company also operates a single scheduled service , with six weekly round trips between Bergen and Notodden . In 2011 , it had a revenue of NOK 31 @.@ 0 million and a NOK 0 @.@ 25 million profit .

= = History = =

Bergen Air Transport was founded in 1998 by Geir Hellsten and Håkon Lie @-@ Nielsen , and commenced operations the following year . Initial operations consisted of charter services , using a Cessna 421B . In 2000 , the company replaced this aircraft with a Cessna 421C , and started the scheduled route between Bergen and Notodden using the six @-@ seat aircraft . In 2000 , the company had eleven employees and NOK 2 @.@ 6 million in revenue . To begin with , it made four round trips per week , but in 2001 it chose to increase to five , after experiencing high cabin loads . It transported 1 @,@ 000 passengers in 2000 , and 1 @,@ 500 the following year . During the summer of 2002 , the company also attempted to fly from Notodden to Kristiansund Airport , Kvernberget , but was forced to give up due to lack of passengers .

A hangar was built at Bergen Airport in 2003 , and at the same time the airline was certified as a mechanical aviation workshop . The following year , the Cessna 421 was replaced with a Cessna 441 Conquest II . In 2006 , two Beechcraft King Air were bought , and the last Cessna sold . On 20 November 2003 , Notodden Airport was closed for all scheduled traffic by the Norwegian Civil Aviation Authority , due to a lack of safety requirements . Bergen Air Transport was forced to reroute all its aircraft to Skien Airport , Geiteryggen . Following an investment of NOK 500 @,@ 000 from the airline and NOK 1 @.@ 2 million from the municipality , which owns the airport , scheduled services commenced again . From 1 October 2004 , NOK 250 @,@ 000 was invested at Notodden Airport . Starting in October 2004 , the airline also introduced security control of all passengers at Notodden Airport . In 2005 , the company had a revenue of NOK 10 @.@ 3 million ; this increased to NOK 20 @.@ 1 million in 2006 , giving a profit of NOK 2 @.@ 8 million , when the airline transported 2 @,@ 841 passengers .

In September 2007 , the company bought a new hangar at Notodden , giving it ample space for expansion , and new arrival and departure facilities . At the same time , the airline bought its first jet , a Cessna Citation CJ2 . That year saw the airline transport 3441 passengers on 552 flights on the Bergen ? Notodden route .