

= Air Hong Kong =

Air Hong Kong ( Chinese : ????? ) is the only all @-@ cargo airline based in Hong Kong , with its main hub at Hong Kong International Airport . The airline operates an express freight network to 12 destinations in nine countries , including China , Japan , Malaysia , Philippines , Republic of China ( Taiwan ) , Singapore , South Korea , Thailand and Vietnam . It has a fleet of Airbus A300 @-@ 600F General Freighters , which the airline was the launch customer of this new variant . Its head office is located on the fourth floor of the South Tower of Cathay Pacific City .

Air Hong Kong was founded in November 1986 by three local businessmen and commenced charter services with a Boeing 707 @-@ 320C freighter on 4 February 1988 . In June 1994 , Hong Kong 's largest carrier , Cathay Pacific acquired 75 % holdings of the airline ; and acquired the remaining 25 % in February 2002 . In October , Cathay Pacific entered into a joint venture with DHL Worldwide Express ( DHL ) , eventually saw DHL took a 40 % stake in the cargo airline , while Cathay Pacific retained the other 60 % holdings .

= = History = =

Air Hong Kong was established in November 1986 by three local businessmen from London 's Stansted Airport , which included Roger Walman . Roger teamed up with Tomas Sang from Hong Kong to help fund the business . The airline commenced charter services with a Boeing 707 @-@ 320C freighter on 4 February 1988 , to Bombay ( now known as Mumbai ) , Britain and Kathmandu ; and scheduled services began on 18 October 1989 . By early 1990 , the airline had two Boeing 707 @-@ 320C and operated a scheduled cargo service to Manchester , with traffic rights to Auckland , Brussels , Fukuoka , Guam , Melbourne , Nagoya , Osaka , Perth , Pusan , Singapore , Sydney , Vienna and Zurich . Schedule cargo service to Nagoya was introduced and new traffic rights to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City granted by April 1991 . In March 1992 , Air Hong Kong was granted additional traffic rights to Cairns , Darwin , Dhaka , Dubai , Kathmandu , Kuala Lumpur and Townsville . By March 1993 , the airline operated scheduled cargo services to Brussels , Dubai , Ho Chi Minh City , Manchester , Nagoya and Singapore with a fleet of two Boeing 747 @-@ 100SF and one Boeing 707 @-@ 320C freighters .

Polaris Aircraft Leasing , a subsidiary of General Electric Capital , entered into agreement in 1993 to suspend lease payments on the airline 's three Boeing 747 @-@ 100SFs in return for an option to buy up to 49 percent of the airline in January 1995 . However , Cathay Pacific acquired 75 percent of the airline 's shares for HK \$ 200 million in June 1994 and the option was cancelled . Facing weak demands and heavy financial losses , the airline was forced to terminate the lease on its Boeing 707 @-@ 320C and one of its Boeing 747 @-@ 100SF on November 1994 and January 1995 , respectively , with only two Boeing 747 @-@ 100SFs remaining . By 2000 , the airline had a fleet of three Boeing 747 @-@ 200Fs with scheduled cargo services to Brussels , Dubai , Manchester and Osaka .

The airline 's parent , Cathay Pacific , acquired the remaining 25 percent of the airline 's shares in February 2002 and became a wholly owned subsidiary . An operational restructure followed on 1 July , where Air Hong Kong ceased services to Brussels , Dubai and Manchester to focus on services in Asia . In October 2002 , Cathay Pacific entered into a joint venture agreement with DHL Worldwide Express ( DHL ) by selling a 30 percent stake in the cargo airline in exchange for funds to purchase medium @-@ size freighters to operate DHL 's network in the Asia @-@ Pacific region from Hong Kong . The airline set aside \$ 300 million to purchase five freighters by 2004 and another \$ 100 million towards at least three more freighters by 2010 . In March 2003 , Cathay Pacific sold another 10 percent stake to DHL and retained 60 percent of the airline .

Air Hong Kong was the launch customer for the Airbus A300 @-@ 600F General Freighter , which is a new variant of the Airbus A300 @-@ 600F . This new variant has a cargo loading system capable of handling virtually every type of container and pallet , and a side door at the rear of the lower deck capable of handling large items of general freight . The airline took its first delivery of this new aircraft in September 2004 , with the eighth and final aircraft delivered on 22 June 2006 . The

new freighters were powered by two General Electric ( GE ) CF6 @-@ 80C2 engines and signed a 14 @-@ year Maintenance Cost Per Hour ( MCPH ) programme with GE on 25 January 2005 .

In November 2007 , Air Hong Kong received an Award for Operational Excellence by the aircraft manufacturer Airbus for achieving an overall best performance on aircraft utilisation , operational reliability and average delay time .

= = Destinations = =

Air Hong Kong operates cargo flights to the following destinations as of 7 May 2010 :

Hong Kong  
Hong Kong International Airport Main hub  
People 's Republic of China  
Beijing ? Beijing Capital International Airport  
Shanghai ? Shanghai Pudong International Airport  
Japan  
Nagoya ? Chubu Centrair International Airport  
Osaka ? Kansai International Airport  
Tokyo ? Narita International Airport  
Malaysia  
Penang ? Penang International Airport  
Philippines  
Manila ? Ninoy Aquino International Airport  
Singapore  
Singapore Changi Airport  
South Korea  
Seoul ? Incheon International Airport  
Taiwan , Republic of China  
Taipei ? Taipei Taoyuan International Airport  
Thailand  
Bangkok ? Suvarnabhumi Airport  
Vietnam  
Ho Chi Minh City ? Tan Son Nhat International Airport

= = = Terminated destinations = = =

Belgium ? Brussels  
India ? Mumbai  
Nepal ? Kathmandu  
United Arab Emirates ? Dubai  
United Kingdom ? Manchester

= = Fleet = =

As of September 2015 the Air Hong Kong fleet consists of the following aircraft , with an average age of 15 @.@ 5 years :

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= = = Retired = = =

Boeing 707 @-@ 320C  
Boeing 747 @-@ 100SF  
Boeing 747 @-@ 200F

Boeing 727 @-@ 200F