



THE 747-8 HAS 445 SQUARE METRES
OF CONFIGURABLE CABIN SPACE

OWNING A BOEING VIP JUMBO JUST GOT EASIER

The 747 has long been the aircraft of choice for heads of state and royal families. Boeing is now making it easier to own one, with a service that takes buyers from initial acquisition through to delivery and long-term maintenance, all managed directly by the manufacturer. Announced at the last NBAA convention in Las Vegas, the 747-8 VIP turnkey programme hands full responsibility to Boeing rather than

leaving owners to coordinate multiple vendors. A dedicated team oversees cabin design, completion and ongoing support under a single contract.

The aircraft itself is in a category of its own. With a range of 15,750km and 445 square metres of configurable cabin space, it can carry up to 75 passengers nonstop between cities such as New York and Bangkok, or Dubai and Los Angeles.

Boeing president of Business Jets Joe Benson describes the 747-8 as the “premier VIP and head of state aircraft,” with the new programme designed to deliver “a personalised and exceptional flying experience,” backed by Boeing’s global parts and engineering network.

Around 50 of the type are currently in service, including aircraft operated by governments and private operators.

The 747-8 VIP turnkey programme combines design, completion and support in one contract

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F/LIST MOVES INTO HELICOPTER INTERIORS

The market for high-end helicopter interiors has expanded steadily in recent years, driven by wealthy buyers seeking continuity between their private jets, superyachts and rotorcraft. Austrian cabin interiors specialist F/LIST is now positioning itself to serve that demand directly.

The company’s partnership with Airbus Corporate Helicopters was already evident in March, when the ACH140 was unveiled at Verticon 2026. F/LIST designed and manufactured a custom cabinet for the new helicopter’s cabin, featuring silk-matt black lacquer, matt carbon drawer fronts with a 45-degree carbon fibre

structure, brushed-metal cup holders and leather-covered storage compartments with fitted holders for an iPhone or iPad.

Building on that, F/LIST formally announced at the Aircraft Interiors Expo in Hamburg in April (the annual show-and-tell of aeronautical cabin design) that it is expanding across the corporate helicopter sector more broadly. Managing director Michael Müller describes the move as “the logical next step”, noting the company can now support customers “throughout their entire ecosystem, in the air, on land or at sea,” through “a single point of contact for all their interior acquisition needs.”

