

Vistara to receive six Boeing 787-9s by 2021

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Dhaka: Vistara expects to welcome six more Boeing 787-90s by 2021 as it already started flying one this year, said a spokesperson for the airline in a statement.

The widebody aircraft is helping the Indian carrier expand operations on long-haul routes, hence the airline is not slowing down with its deliveries of the type.

Altogether, the global health crisis is having an unprecedented impact on the aviation industry within India and around the world. Several carriers across the globe have been trying to cancel deliveries in the current climate. However, despite the harsh conditions, Vistara is committed to the orders that it has placed with Airbus and Boeing, added the spokesperson.

He further added that the airline started the 2020-21 financial year with 42 aircraft in its fleet and will end the year with 47, which is a net addition of five aircraft. The arrivals include three new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and two Airbus A321neos.

Additionally, in the current financial year, seven older Airbus A320neos aircraft are being replaced with brand new A320neos that have more advanced features.

Moreover, next year, there will be at least eight more planes joining. These aircraft

are split between Boeing widebodies and Airbus narrowbodies.

"We are on track to have all six Boeing 787-9 jets in our fleet by 2021 and are also expecting two more Airbus A321neo to join our fleet next year," the spokesperson said.

"While we had to make necessary adjustments to the delivery schedule due to the pandemic, we continue to remain committed to the overall orders placed with Boeing and Airbus in 2018.