Aviation

A dream come true

Boeing 787 Dreamliners are usually associated with transporting hundreds of tourists to far-flung destinations, they don’t normally fly just 40 passengers... But by transforming a Dreamliner into a private jet, Kestrel Aviation Management has created an airborne penthouse.

Nicknamed the Dreamjet, the one-of-a-kind Boeing business jet has been in development and design since 2009. With a 9,800 nautical mile range and able to fly nonstop for over 17 hours, “you really can span the globe in one leap,” says Kestrel’s executive vice president Nohl Martin.

Kestrel brought in yacht and aircraft design specialists Pierrejean Design to create the sanctuary within the jet using hand-tufted carpets, high-domed ceilings as well as a hotel suite-style bathroom complete with shower. While this was a pioneering project, Kestrel Aviation Management has carried out many ambitious aircraft conversions for numerous heads of state.

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Many have tried to capitalize on the large number of empty legs across the US – up to 40 percent of all private jet flights – but it’s difficult because it is rare that someone’s plans line up with a repositioning flight, and private fliers want to travel on their schedule, not someone else’s.

Enter technology company Stratajet. Founder Jonny Nicol, computer scientist and former RAF pilot, spent five years developing the technology to search thousands of empty legs from his vetted network of charters. The tech reroutes empty legs to where passengers want to go, when they want to go. Nicol says he sells “time, privacy and convenience at a value” and can sometimes beat business-class fares for small groups. His customer service team provides the assistance private aviation clients expect, from arranging ground transportation to even flying a beloved pet solo across the globe.

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