

Air travel 1920-style



Air travel now



How air travel has changed in the hundred years since it began!

Beyond the Blue Horizon

A fascinating and entertaining talk that takes you through the years, from the 1920s to the 1950s, when air travel was furiously expensive, and strictly for the wealthy, the famous and the fashionable; the years when it had a glamour and an allure that can scarcely be imagined nowadays.

The years that were, to all who remembered them,

the Golden Age of air travel





It wasn't always so sophisticated!

In the early days flying was not for the faint-hearted.

The first airliners were crude, noisy, cold, uncomfortable, unreliable and, frankly, downright dangerous.

Roughing it in a converted bomber might get you bragging rights at home in 1920...

...but as the decade progressed, the demand was for comfort. Aircraft rapidly became more customer-friendly, and more reliable.

By the end of the decade, Imperial Airways could fly you to India in comfort

in a Handley Page HP42, though it took eight days. You would fly only by day, staying overnight in a luxurious hotel, or in a desert fort with armed guards to protect you, and the aircraft, from raiding Bedouin nomads.

Something else to brag about at home!

Then came the years of the big flying boats,

the supreme way of travelling the world in comfort and style in the 1930s.

In 1934 Imperial Airways and Qantas launched the joint Britain – Australia service using the Short C-Class flying boats [right]. that would grace the

Empire air routes until the late 1940s. The journey time was a mere 12 days.



And Pan American Airways connected the USA and Europe by aeroplane for the first time in 1939 with their huge Boeing 314 Clippers [overleaf].

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