The Boeing 747 -- the Day an Airplane Changed the World

Crowds gather around the Boeing 747-100 at the 1969 Paris Air Show, waiting to board the airplane that would forever change international air travel and shrink the world. When the world's first jumbo jet made its debut at the twenty-eighth Paris Air Show, it provided a dramatic leap forward in passenger capacity, range and technology. Thirty years later, that airplane's successor - the modern-technology, state-of-the-art 747-400 - is the most recognized and prestigious airplane in the world.

Known as the "Queen of the Skies," the 747 has continuously evolved to meet the changing needs of both airlines and the traveling public.

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