

Vietravel Airlines takes to the skies



SASCO's Keerthi "HappyK" Hapugasdeniya (left) poses for a photo in Vietravel Airlines' cabin with operating team

A new Vietnam airline has officially taken to the skies following its launch last month. [Vietravel Airlines](#) offers services to Ho Chi Minh City ([SGN](#)), Hanoi Airport ([HAN](#)), Da Nang ([DAD](#)), Hue Phu Bai ([HUI](#)), Nha Trang ([CXR](#)), and Phu Quoc (PQR). The airline brand is the first to be established since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, with approval from Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc.

Vietravel Airlines operates as a member of Vietravel Group, a tour operator in the country that is celebrating 25 years in business. The airline brand identity is closely associated with tourism. So far, the bulk of passengers on its flights are local people, and international routes are scheduled to start by the end of the year. The airline plans charter flights to serve tourists from Vietravel Group.



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The fleet consists of three A321ceos, with 220 and 212 seats, 18 of each are Premium seats. The airline is planning to have five more aircraft in operation by the end of its second year.

The airline is headed up by Chief Executive Officer [Vu Duc Bien](#), who has worked in the airline industry for decades. He studied Business Administration at the University of Commerce in 2000, achieved a UK Fleet Planning Certificate in 2004, Master of Business Administration Program at Maastricht School of Management in 2007, and obtained the [IATA](#) Air Cargo Management Certificated in 2008. Bien worked with the Aviation Services Company (VASCO) for nearly 15 years and is an elected Member of the Vietravel Board of Directors for the term of 2019 to 2024. Nguyen Quoc Ky serves as Chairman. The airline employs approximately 60 onboard staff.



SASCO General Manager Inflight Services Keerthi "HappyK" Hapugasdeniya (right) poses for a photo in Vietravel Airlines' cabin with Head Of Inflight Services, Nguyen Ling Phuong (one from right), operating team to celebrate first flights



The celebratory cake from SASCO

SASCO to supply onboard meals

Southern Airports Services Joint Stock Company ([SASCO](#)) works with Global Catering Joint Stock Company to supply all onboard meals for Vietravel Airlines. SASCO also provides lounge and airport transport services to the airline.



Meal option for Vietravel Airlines' passengers by SASCO

SASCO has catering operations at Tan Son Nhat airport in Ho Chi Minh City. SASCO Inflight Services caters for [Bamboo Airways](#) and supplied charter aircraft during the pandemic, as well other airport services sectors and quarantine hotels.



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