

Live the dream and take to the skies with Virtual Aviation - NEW operations at Southampton and Palma

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Lets face it. How many people get to experience the thrill of flying a jet airliner? Just airline pilots really and why should they get all the fun? Well that's what we thought and so we came up with a solution. A Flight Simulator Experience that makes you Captain, and gives you the cloud busting thrill of your life.

If you think this sounds like something you'd find in a theme park or amusement arcade, you'd be wrong. Happily, we say. This experience takes place in a £10-million full-motion flight simulator, at a professional airline Training Centre where all the pilots do their own training.

Your visit lasts anything from 1 to 4 hours depending on the type of Flight Simulator Experience you book. When you get there, you'll be met by one of our experienced instructors (all pilots), who like nothing better than to fly with you on their days off. There's Ben who taught Eddie Izzard to fly, Pete, GB's youngest ever pilot and Simon who's taught aerobatics and formation flying on the Bulldog. No matter. They're all cool. Before you start they'll give you a 30-minute pre-flight briefing and then the cockpit's yours.

You're the Captain. You choose where you go and what you fly. There's a varied fleet of modern Airbus and Boeing flight simulators and you can challenge yourself with a flight into Innsbruck in a snowstorm, or a scenic descent into the Caribbean at sunset. It's up to you. There's a whole world out there.

OK. Imagine yourself on the flightdeck... one hand on the controls, the other on the thrust levers, bumping over the runway lights as you taxi into the take-off position. Feel the immense power pushing you into your seat as your jet airliner tears down the runway, and the slight sinking in your stomach as you raise the nose and lift your almighty aircraft into the air. Take one last glance at the city falling away beneath you as you cut through the clouds into the clear blue sky above.

Ready? With virtual flights taking place daily at Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Southampton NEW and Palma Mallorca NEW ... quite simply the sky's the limit.

Editor's notes:

Owner and Entrepreneur James Stevenson, was just 13, when he learnt to fly an aeroplane. As the youngest person ever trained as a pilot, his local paper ran a story about 'the boy with wings' and his need for a booster seat.

Virtual Aviation was founded in 1998, giving you a behind-the-scenes insight into the most regulated industry in the world.

Flight Simulator Experience A one hour Shared Experience is a public session. You will be sharing the session with two or three other customers who have booked the same experience type. Flying time is shared equally, and when you're not at the controls you'll be observing from one of the other flightdeck seats.

An Exclusive Experience is a private session. You will have exclusive use of the simulator, and you may bring up to three guests with you at no extra cost. Your guests can either observe you flying or share the flying time with you, in which case you divide the time at the controls however you wish on the day. One, two, three and four hour packages are available for the Exclusive Experiences. Minimum age 12 years.

In addition to the full-motion simulator experience, a fixed-base simulator experience is available for booking at Southampton only, at half the standard hourly cost. Minimum age 8 years.

Future Pilot Programme If you dream of becoming an airline pilot, this half-day course is for you. Giving you an unbiased, invaluable insight into a career as an airline pilot and the opportunity to take the controls of a £10-million Airbus or Boeing simulator.

Fear of Flying Course This tailor-made one-to-one course focuses on your unique concerns. Your pilots will help you to change your perceptions about flying and become comfortable with the sensations of flight through explanation and repetition – but going at your pace. You'll learn a vast amount about the operation and true capabilities of the aircraft, thereby gaining a sense of control.

Courses available: One-to-one 'Individual Course' and NEW extended-length 'Individual Course Plus'.

Bookings can be made by phone on 0870 350 0747 or save £5 if you book online at www.virtualaviation.co.uk

Fear of Flying phone 0870 350 0767

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