



Two of PrivatAir's BBJs, pictured alongside the Boeing 757 and the Breitling Super Constellation, which is also flown by some of PrivatAir's pilots

- PrivatAir is a leading international business aviation group with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, as well as operating bases in Düsseldorf, Hamburg, and Munich in Germany, and throughout the USA. It has been in operation since 1977 and currently employs some 500 people worldwide.
- The Group's services include: Private Charter, Private Airline Services, Aircraft Management & Sales, and Ground Services.
- Clients include celebrities from the arts, sports and entertainment industries, businessmen, royalty and public officials, as well as other airlines and private aircraft owners.
- PrivatAir combines the best practices of the commercial airline industry with the flexibility of business aviation and its own exceptional standards of service. In December 1998, it became one of the world's first airlines whose quality system fulfilled the ISO standards for all its services.
- The group operates a fleet of more than 50 aircraft, ranging in size from a six-seat King Beach Air to a 49-seat VIP-configured Boeing 757-200. PrivatAir was the first commercial operator of Boeing Business Jets, and currently has three BBJ's and one of the larger BBJ2's. It also operates four Airbus aircraft, two 126-seat A319s and two 48-seat A319LRs. www.privatair.com

Bearing gifts

PrivatAir carries supplies to help a school in Calcutta

ALONG WITH passengers leaving on a luxury tour of Asia last month from Switzerland was a cargo-hold filled with supplies for an Indian school. Elite Swiss travel specialist Exklusiv Reisen and PrivatAir teamed up to deliver the urgently-needed material while on a 17-day trip to China, India and Bhutan.

'We have been involved in Private Tours for many years now, which have led us to many beautiful destinations all around the globe,' Greg Thomas, CEO of PrivatAir said. 'However, while the destinations are exemplary in their appeal for tourists, many local inhabitants are less fortunate. Collecting supplies and using the capacity we have in our jets is one concrete way in which we can make a difference.'

Calcutta Rescue, an Indian charity, has offered free medical services to the poor

since 1979, and is now expanding its work to offer free education to children unable to afford schooling. As it is expecting an additional 250 children this summer and therefore will nearly double in size, the school urgently needs some basic supplies. PrivatAir, in cooperation with Exklusiv Reisen, transported equipment, which included toothbrushes, pens, and children's toys, collected in Switzerland, to Kolkata (Calcutta) in India.

Expert guides accompany the exclusive tours, which are run several times a year by Exklusiv Reisen and PrivatAir. The guides help participants learn more about the destinations. On a previous trip, PrivatAir and Exklusiv Reisen teamed up to provide a charity in Cuba with much-needed supplies, and there are plans to continue this relationship on future tours, including the next one which leaves for South America in November of this year.





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PRIVATAIR, THE FIRST business aviation specialist to operate both Boeing and Airbus narrow-body long-range aircraft, will again pioneer – with an order for one of the latest generation of airliners. In an announcement at this year's European Business Aviation Convention and Exhibition in Geneva, Greg Thomas, CEO of PrivatAir spoke of the company's 'three decades of experience in the field with these manufacturers, which gives us the objectivity to

evaluate which of the two would be the very best aircraft for business needs.'

PrivatAir, the first commercial operator of the Boeing Business Jet and the first to implement a scheduled operation with the long-range Airbus A319, has always been innovative and adaptable, and ready to embrace new trends. As part of the process of reaffirming its status as a driving force among operators PrivatAir is currently considering both the Airbus A350 and Boeing 787

for delivery in the early part of the next decade.

Since its inception in 1977 PrivatAir has always operated airliners and has a history of long-range operations. Today, in addition to the airliners for which it is so well known, PrivatAir has over 40 aircraft, ranging from turboprops to light jets and heavy business jets available in its fleet. The new aircraft, to be sourced from Boeing/Airbus will expand the capabilities of PrivatAir, especially in terms of range.