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Luxury Aircraft Solutions, Etihad align to create full private travel experience

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Luxury Aircraft Solutions offers plane charters

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Private aviation firm Luxury Aircraft Solutions is partnering with Etihad Airways to help consumers plan their travel within one booking.

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Luxury Aircraft Solutions clients can charter a private flight from any airport to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, one of Etihad's main hubs in the United States. From there, those who book through the charter company will travel in the premium accommodations onboard Etihad's A380, allowing them the affordability of a commercial flight with an elevated first class experience.

First class meets flying private

While on the Etihad flight, passengers will travel in The Residence or the First Apartment.

The Residence, available only on the airline's Airbus A380 aircraft, recreates the luxury of a private jet on Etihad. The space is found on the aircraft's upper-deck cabin and includes accommodations for single or double occupancy, including a living room, separate double bedroom and en suite shower room ([see story](#)).

The First Apartment features single aisle seating. The First Apartments of First Class also include a 64-inch high sliding door, a reclining armchair and full-length ottoman that can become an 80-inch long flatbed ([see story](#)).



Etihad First Apartment

"We are excited about this partnership, as it allows travelers to experience the best of both worlds—private flying and a prime first-class experience at a more reasonable price," said Joseph Catanese, managing director of Luxury Aircraft Solutions, in a brand statement. "Chartering a private plane for a flight across the world is not cost effective for many people, whereas chartering just the first segment of their flight and then flying with Etihad offers a much more affordable option, and without sacrificing luxury."

Giving extra incentive for clients to book their Etihad trips and transfers through Luxury Aircraft Solutions, the charter company is offering VIP car transfers and a \$1,500 discount card to those who make registrations.

Etihad's A380 offers service to New York, London and Sydney, Australia. It is adding trips to Mumbai in May and June will see added service to Melbourne, Australia.

"We have clients located all over the country, and they often need to catch connecting flights when traveling internationally," Mr. Catanese said. "We often provide private jet charters for people that need to easily get from a domestic airport to an international airport, such as JFK, in order to catch the flight that they booked separately."

"But with our Etihad partnership, we can now take care of their entire flight itinerary for them—including their international flight on the A380—which makes their planning experience much simpler," he said. "We offer attention to detail unmatched by any other air charter service companies."