

# Boeing 747-8I

**The Boeing 747 ‘Jumbo Jet’ revolutionised air travel. Its huge size and efficiency reduced the cost of flying and made international travel commonplace. By June 2014 a total of 1,500 747s had been manufactured.**

The first Boeing 747 made its maiden flight on 9 February 1969 and they began entering service in January 1970. The 747-8 series was developed in the early 2000s with a stretched fuselage, new engines and a redesigned wing, all of which gave improved efficiency over earlier 747s and made it the world’s longest commercial aeroplane. It was offered in two versions, a freighter and a passenger version. The second version to fly was the 747-8I, on 20 March 2011, and they began entering service in May 2012. By November 2014 119 of both versions of the 747-8 had been ordered and 80 had been delivered.

This model represents B-2485 flying for Air China in November 2014.

**Data:** Long range widebody airliner. *Engines* four General Electric GENx-2B67 turbofan engines of 296kN thrust each. *Wing span* 68.5m. *Length* 76.3m. *Maximum take-off weight* 448,000kg. *Cruising speed* 908km/h. *Maximum range* 14,320km. *Passenger capacity* 467 in 3 class layout. *Crew* 2.

*Revell* 1/144 kit with 26 decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in February 2015.



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