

1936-37:

What Types of IFE and Luxury Amenities Were on the Hindenburg?

At the time, the Hindenburg was the largest steerable airship in the world, measuring approximately three times the length of a modern Boeing 747.¹

The Hindenburg's inaugural flight in 1936 kickstarted commercial air service across the North Atlantic, carrying roughly 1,002 passengers on 10 round trips between Germany and the U.S.

The airship's fastest Atlantic round trip was 98 hours and 28 minutes:



Traditional passenger ocean liners in that era typically took four and a half days to cross the Atlantic.

Bringing Luxury to the Sky

The Hindenburg was a luxury liner featuring:

- ✈ Cabins with two berths (and a washbasin) similar to sleeping rooms on trains
- ✈ Dining room
- ✈ Electrically equipped kitchen
- ✈ Promenade and lounge with large observation windows (that could be opened)
- ✈ Aluminum-clad baby grand piano covered in yellow pig skin (377 pounds)²
- ✈ Smoking room, decorated with drawings of the ship, with an airlock to keep highly flammable hydrogen gas out
- ✈ A writing and reading room³

A Hydrogen Fueled Disaster

- 💧 The airship was nicknamed the 'Titanic of the skies', an unfortunate moniker considering its ultimate demise.
- 💧 Although the zeppelin was designed to be filled with helium, it was filled with hydrogen due to U.S. export restrictions.³
- 💧 On May 6, 1937, the Hindenburg burst into flames as it was attempting to land in Lakehurst, New Jersey.
- 💧 It carried 36 passengers and a crew of 61 people. The accident, footage of which we still have, looks horrendous, but it was surprisingly survivable. Only 13 passengers, 21 crewmen and 1 civilian on the ground were killed.

Developing Safe In-Flight Amenities

Rosen Aviation understands how important safety is to fleet operators and aircraft owners. Our design and engineering team has a wealth of FAA and EASA compliance expertise. We know how to develop safe IFE solutions that can be efficiently and smoothly implemented without causing regulatory headaches.

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¹<https://www.businessinsider.com/how-the-hindenburg-changed-aviation-history-photos-2013-5>

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³<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2015/05/06/german-nazi-hindenburg-anniversary/70883998/>

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