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LX-VCF is wearing a special HNCA sticker & "City of Zhengzhou" titles (Serge BRAUN)



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Bye-bye CityJet



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## Avcon Airbus A318

On 1<sup>st</sup> April OE-ICE, an Avcon Jet Airbus A318-100 operated a charter flight to Luxembourg.



## Luxair F-HJUL is back

The Boeing 737-800 F-HJUL is back again for the Summer schedule. The aircraft is wet leased from XL Airways France. It already operated for Luxair from April to November 2013. It arrived back as LGL9 on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014.





Maiden flight between Luxembourg and Zhengzhou postponed

Everything went as scheduled concerning the first Cargolux flight between Luxembourg and Zhengzhou. This event should mark the start of the new partnership between HNCA and Cargolux.

The maiden flight was planned for 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The aircraft scheduled for this flight was LX-VCF. For this event the Boeing 747-8F was renamed from “City of Grevenmacher” to „City of Zhengzhou“ and received a “HNCA” logo.

Unfortunately due to some administrative problems the flight was cancelled 1 hour before take-off.

The flight has now been postponed to the **29<sup>th</sup> May**.



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Atlas Air Cargo aircraft with Astral & ANA titles

On 17<sup>th</sup> April, Atlas Air Cargo N408MC landed in Luxembourg. It looked like an unplanned stop due to some technical problems as it was escorted by fire trucks after landing. The Boeing 747-400F arrived from Porto and continued the same night to Africa. The Boeing is operated by Astral Aviation and wears big “Astral” and “ANA” titles showing the partnership between ANA Aviation Services and Astral Aviation (Kenya).



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**ATRAN Antonov An-12**

For a change we got a different Antonov An-12 at Luxembourg airport. ATRAN was present with RA-93913 on 1<sup>st</sup> April.



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**LX-LQA, the new Dash 8 for Luxair**

Another DHC-8-402Q Dash 8 was delivered to Luxair. LX-LQA arrived on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. The first commercial flight of LX-LQA was on 23<sup>rd</sup> April as LGL9303 to Frankfurt.



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**Cessna P210N Silver Eagle**

This Cessna with its registration written all over the side of the aircraft was present on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014.



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**Westland Gazelle**

Helicopter visitors are quite rare at ELLX. This Westland Gazelle HT.3 (G-CBJZ) was seen on 10<sup>th</sup> April.



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## Cargolux LX-ECV with one sided tail logo

Probably at the beginning of April Cargolux LX-ECV received a tail-logo. But the logo is only present at the left side of the aircraft. The right side remains all white.



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## The End of CityJet at Findel airport

On Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, CityJet operated its last flight (AF5215) between Luxembourg and London City (LCY). This flight will mark the end of the CityJet presence at Luxembourg airport. CityJet previously known as VLM Airlines operated for many years flights from London to Luxembourg. In 2007 Air France-KLM took fully over VLM and announced in 2009 the rebranding of VLM into CityJet.

But this last flight also means the end of a 52 years presence of Fokker turboprops in Luxembourg. The first flight of a Fokker took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1962. It was a Luxair Fokker Friendship F27, PH-NVF.



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OO-VLK – Fokker 50 – 03.03.2003



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OO-VLN – Fokker 50 – 16.04.2007



OO-VLZ – Fokker 50 – 02.09.2012



# Impressions from Singapore and New Zealand

Below are some impressions from Singapore Changi Airport, Auckland Airport and Wellington Airport taken in April 2014.

## Singapore Changi Airport (SIN)



B-2500 – Shanghai Airlines – Boeing 767-300



9M-AJG – Air Asia – Airbus A320-200



S2-AHC – Regent Airways – Boeing 737-700



9V-SLK – Silkair – Airbus A320-200



9V-TAE – Tiger Airways – Airbus A320-200



9V-SYG – Singapore Airlines – Boeing 777-300

Quite a variety here at Changi Airport, going from Qantas, Jetstar Asia to Drukair (Bhutan) and French Air Force.







PK-LOJ – Lion Air – Boeing 737-800



LZ-AOA – Myanmar Airways – Airbus A319-100



PK-GMO – Garuda Indonesia – Boeing 737-800



PK-YGG – Tri-M.G. Asia Airlines – Boeing 737-300

And there it came, out of the blue, just when it started to rain, as usual...



A7-BCI – Qatar Airways – Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner

After a short stop at Singapore airport we continued our journey with Singapore airlines to Auckland. Traveling with the car from Auckland to Wellington, we flew back with Jetstar Australia to Auckland. From Auckland we then continued with Air Pacific to Nadi (Fiji).



## Auckland Airport (AKL)

Seconds after landing you know you are in New Zealand. Hobbits everywhere.



ZK-OKD – Air New Zealand Boeing 777-200

Below the variety of the different Air New Zealand color schemes and aircrafts flying around, unbelievable!!!



ZK-OXD – Air New Zealand – Airbus A320-200



ZK-OAB – Air New Zealand – Airbus A320-200



ZK-NGJ – Air New Zealand – Boeing 737-300



ZK-MVA – Air New Zealand Link – ATR 72-600



ZK-EAI – Air New Zealand Link – Beech 1900



ZK-NEQ – Air New Zealand Link – DHC-8-311 Dash 8



ZK-EAK – Air New Zealand Link – Beech 1900



ZK-MVB – Air New Zealand Link – ATR 72-600





ZK-HYI – Helipro – MBB-Kawasaki BK-117B-2



ZK-MYH – Air2there.com – Cessna 208B



F-OSEA – Air Tahiti Nui – Airbus A340-300

**Wellington Airport (WLG)**

Just change the airport and suddenly you're in Middle Earth....



...even Sméagol made it to the airport terminal. Huge and ugly ☺





## Nadi Airport, Fiji (NAN)



DQ-PSB – Fiji Airlines (Pacific Sun) – ATR 42-500



ZK-NBV – Air New Zealand – Boeing 747-400

After a short stay at the Fiji Island, it was time to go home again, via Auckland and Singapore.

Needless to say that this country is worth visiting and not only for the aircrafts. Great landscapes, friendly people and good food, what do you want more. If only this island wasn't at the other side of the world.

Total flight time to get there: 24 hours (+3 hours to get to the Fijis) !!

Total travel time: 38 hours!! Uff... but I would do it again!!!



DQ-FJM – Air Pacific – Boeing 737-800





<b>Airline:</b>	Tempelhof Airways
<b>Registration:</b>	N109TA
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Saab SF-340A-121
<b>Date:</b>	16 <sup>h</sup> January 1989
<b>Notes:</b>	Inauguration flight of the new regular air connection of that period of time between Berlin-Tempelhof and Luxembourg-Findel.
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## Luxembourg's Logbook: Passenger and Cargo Visitors

01.04.2014	LX-LQA	Luxair	De Havilland Canada DHC-8-402Q Dash 8
	OE-ICE	Avcon Jet	Airbus A318-100
	OY-GLF	Execujet Europe	Gulfstream GVI
	RA-93913	Atran	Antonov An-12B
	S5-ABL	Linxair Business Airlines	Embraer ERJ-135BJ Legacy 600
02.04.2014	D-AJJK	Windrose Air	Gulfstream G550
	UR-CKM	Cavok Air	Antonov An-12BP
06.04.2014	G-EZIO	EasyJet	Airbus A319-100
	TC-JHU	Turkish Airlines	Boeing 737-800
07.04.2014	EW-394TI	Rubystar	Antonov An-12BK
	UR-CAH	Meridian	Antonov An-12BK
	VQ-BHE	Air Bridge Cargo	Boeing 747-400F
10.04.2014	G-CBJZ	Private	Westland SA-341 Gazelle AH1
	N8KR	Private	Cessna P210N Centurion
11.04.2014	HB-IHY	Edelweiss Air	Airbus A320-200
12.04.2014	N475MC	Atlas Air	Boeing 747-400F
14.04.2014	15+02	Air Force – Germany	Airbus A319-100
	G-EZBI	EasyJet	Airbus A319-100
	G-EZEZ	EasyJet	Airbus A319-100
17.04.2014	N408MC	Atlas Air	Boeing 747-400F
23.04.2014	LX-LQA	Luxair	De Havilland Canada DHC-8-402Q Dash 8
24.04.2014	F-HJUL	Luxair	Boeing 737-800
27.04.2014	OY-MMM	Star Air	Bombardier CL-600-2B16 Challenger 604
30.04.2014	LX-VCF	Cargolux	Boeing 747-8F

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