



## **British Airways Concorde The World's Fastest Passenger Jet**

A major chapter in aviation history came to a close in October 2003, allowing a new page to unfold for the world's fastest passenger airliner – Concorde. As this supersonic carrier concluded its service with British Airways, it began a new chapter in its history as a permanent exhibit at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. New York City was the most frequent Concorde destination since the plane's first commercial transatlantic crossing on November 22, 1977, making the Intrepid a natural location for one of the retired planes to be shown to millions of visitors for years to come.

A visit to British Airways' Concorde begins with a tour through The History Channel's Atlantic Crossings museum. This exhibit offers visitors a trip through time to experience transatlantic travel from the birth of the ocean liner through the creation of the world's first and only supersonic commercial passenger jet, Concorde.

The Atlantic Crossings museum features interactive displays describing the history of man's journey across the Atlantic Ocean. Images and detailed models of historic luxury ocean liners and airships – such as the *Graf Zeppelin* and the *Hindenberg* – and artifacts from Concorde allow Intrepid's patrons to relive almost every aspect of these journeys. Extending the fun and interactivity of the museum, a full-sized cockpit, with a running loop of the plane landing on a runway, offers visitors an unprecedented pilot's perspective of landing at a New York area airport.

The Atlantic Crossings museum leads directly into the star of the show – British Airways' Concorde. On board Concorde, visitors can see exactly what it was like for passengers to travel via the fastest aircraft with views of the cockpit, the seats, and the tail section. Additionally, visitors to the Intrepid will get an unprecedented view of the plane – at eye level – from the outside from the tower on Little Lake Barge.