

As H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco prepares to embark on his historic expedition to the North Pole next year, his adventure actually began months ago in the air - on board a Boeing Business Jet (BBJ).

Earlier this year, His Serene Highness and his expedition team conducted a trial run to the Arctic. Expedition preparations began on board the ultra large-cabin, long-range business jet. The BBJ transported the Prince Albert II and his expedition team from Monaco to Svalbard, Norway, the starting point of their trial expedition. The team flew in a larger version of the Boeing Business Jet - the BBJ 2 - on the return flight six days later. For next year's expedition Boeing will provide a jet to carry the expedition team and its equipment and supplies including seven sleds and 40 sled dogs.

"We are truly excited and honored to play a role in this historic expedition," said Steven Hill, President of Boeing Business Jets. "The spaciousness of the BBJ and BBJ 2 allow H.S.H. Prince Albert and his entire support team to travel comfortably and efficiently."



The spaciousness, comfort and utility of the Boeing Business Jet are what make the aircraft so appealing to nearly 100 BBJ owners and operators throughout the world

"The BBJ is large enough for the VIP passenger to continue most land activities while in the air," Hill said. "BBJ passengers can comfortably conduct business; enjoy a movie and a sumptuous meal with friends, get a comfortable night's sleep, shower in the morning; and arrive at their destination relaxed, refreshed and ready to go."

With nearly three times the space of any other long-range business jet, the cabin of a BBJ and BBJ 2 can be designed with a luxurious and comfortable environment that exactly matches personal travel preferences, tastes and needs. With 807 square feet (75 square meters) of cabin space, the BBJ is typically designed to seat 18 passengers and often includes luxurious amenities such as a spacious stateroom with a queen-sized bed, bathroom and shower, a dining room, a lounge area, a full-service galley, a private office, and a guest bathroom and shower. A BBJ 2 offers 25 percent more cabin space and 50 percent more cargo space than its sister model.

"Being aboard a BBJ allows the Prince and his team to make last minute preparations, and arrive rested and ready for the expedition when they land," Hill said.

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