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## Can This Airline Actually Be Good For The Planet?

### It has said 'no' to single-use plastic

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It's no news that flying isn't good for the planet. The amount of carbon footprint created by a trip is more than by any other mode of transport. So it's more when you hear of an airline trying to make a positive change towards the environment.

Hi Fly, a Portuguese charter airline that specialises in wet leases (providing aircrafts to other airlines) has become the first airline to say 'no' to single-use plastic. On December 26, Hi Fly took its first flight from Lisbon, Portugal to Natal, Brazil and became, in their words, the 'first-ever jet-age passenger flight with not a single-use plastic item on board.'

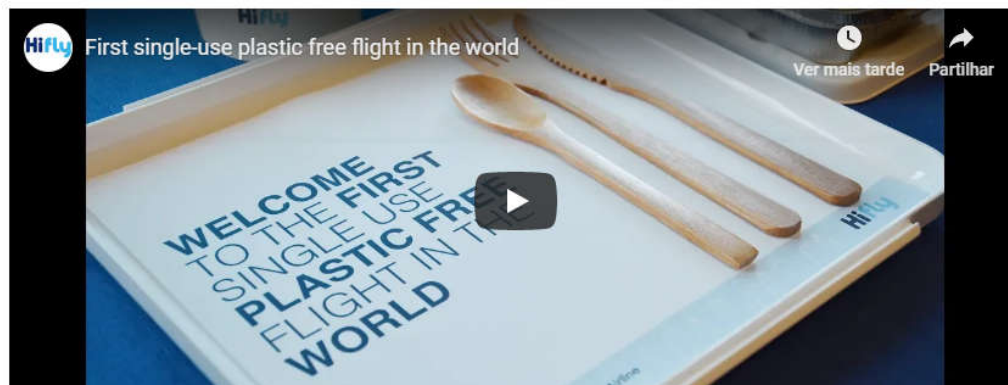
And in this Christmas Season we are proud to announce our gift for the planet Earth: the world's first Single Use #PlasticFree Flight. #TurnTheTideOnPlastic #MirpuriFoundation #togetherforabetterworld #A340 #9HSUN pic.twitter.com/eBAYRyk36q

— Hi Fly (@hifly\_airline) December 26, 2018

How did it achieve this? By replacing all the single-use plastics (bedsheet coverings, disposable cutlery, wrappers, etc.) with plant-based disposables made from renewable or lower carbon materials. These include paper, card, glass, stainless steel, and even bamboo.

As per the airline, the total weight of plastic saved across the 16 trial flights was 1500 kg. In addition, after the flight, excess food was given to waste manager for energy production.

The main company, Mirpuri Foundation also made an announcement that the airline 'Hi Fly will completely eliminate the use of avoidable and single-use plastics on its aircrafts and at its offices before the end of 2019.' We're definitely looking forward to that.



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