

# Case study

## Concorde's Final Journey



### Key facts

#### Key vendors:

Site:

Sector:

Client:

Contractor:

### Brief

The last Concorde owned by British Airways needed to be transported from Heathrow and taken on the river Thames on the first step of a seaborne journey to Scotland.

### Solution

The 110 tonne plane was loaded on to a specialist 2,000 tonne capacity newly built barge, the Terra Marique, at the tiny Thames port of Isleworth in West London. Bennett's Barges assisted the Terra Marique barge on its journey up and down the Thames. The Bennett's tug "Steven B" had a crew of 3 professional watermen.

The Concorde G-BOAA, the last of British Airways' seven Concorde to find a home after the decision last year to end passenger service, was destined to be displayed at the Museum of Flight at East Fortune near Edinburgh later this summer after restoration.

The total cost of transporting the aircraft, which could once travel at twice the speed of sound, was funded as part of a £2m grant from the Scottish executive.

The other planes can be seen at Heathrow Airport, Manchester Airport, Bristol's Filton Airport, the Grantley Adams Airport in Barbados, as well as at a museum in Seattle, US, and at a floating exhibition in New York. G-BOAA first flew in 1975, while its last commercial flight from New York to London took place on August 2000.

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