

American Airlines, British Airways, American Express Global Business Travel and Qured to offer Complimentary COVID-19 Test Kits for Premium International Business Travelers

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- Customers traveling for business with premium cabin bookings on American and British Airways made through American Express Global Business Travel may choose to receive Qured COVID-19 test kits beginning in early 2022.
- American and British Airways offer 45 peak daily flight options between the United States and the United Kingdom.

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“Strong business relationships are built in person. We’re eager to help corporate travelers get back in the air to build those connections and keep the global economy moving,” said Kyle Mabry, Vice President of Global Sales for

American Airlines. “Our industry had to link arms to move through the pandemic. Together, with our valued partners, we will support the return of business travel by creating more ease for customers than ever before.”

Routes between the United States and the United Kingdom are incredibly important to business travel. In 2019, GBT booked hundreds of thousands of air segments between the United Kingdom and the United States. As international travel has reopened, these flights have been increasingly popular for both American Airlines and British Airways.

“Ensuring corporate travelers have access to efficient, accurate testing is one of the key components to ramping up business travel across the trans-Atlantic corridor,” said Mark Muren, Head of Global Sales at British Airways. “We’re eager to give our mutual customers peace of mind that they will have what they need to fulfill an important requirement as they return to conducting business.”

Since the United States announced the reopening of international travel, transatlantic bookings with GBT have increased more than 70%.

“Corporate travel managers know that there’s incredible pent-up demand for business travel but coordinating the logistics of testing can sometimes be a challenge, especially for trips booked close to departure,” said Andrew Crawley, Chief Commercial Officer at GBT. “By providing every premium customer traveling for business on a flight ticketed with American Airlines or British Airways with access to a test kit as part of the travel booking, we’re streamlining one critical step to making sure today’s business leaders can return to the skies and conduct their important work face to face.”

For the last several months, American Airlines and British Airways have helped customers easily access reliable COVID-19 test kits through Qured, a global provider of antigen tests approved by both the U.K. and U.S. governments. To connect premium customers with access to complimentary COVID-19 testing kits, GBT will provide qualified travelers with a unique promotional code after travel is ticketed. Travelers will use the code to order from the Qured website, and kits will be delivered to the traveler at the location(s) specified based on their itinerary. Eligible customers can begin ordering testing kits in 2022 for travel through the end of the year. Travelers can easily complete the test remotely through a supervised video call scheduled with and administered by a professional health advisor.

“We’ve helped more than half a million customers confidently return to international travel over the course of the pandemic, with a majority of those travelers enjoying flights with American Airlines and British Airways,” said Alex Templeton, Chief Executive Officer at Qured, “We’re inspired to be part of reopening international business travel and to be helping people reconnect around the world.”

Results from Qured test kits are ready within 20 minutes of swabbing, and electronic verified results are shared with the patient 2 hours after their remote consultation. The customer can download a “fit to fly” certificate if the test is negative, which can be shown at the airport during check-in or uploaded through VeriFLY, the app by mobile health provider Daon, for easy travel. More than 3 million customers have used the app for travel with American Airlines and British Airways.

*Complimentary test kit distribution is based on U.S. and U.K. travel guidance as of Nov. 12, 2021. COVID-19 test kits are available while supplies last.

UP TO 45 PEAK DAILY FLIGHT
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American currently operates 11 daily flights between the United States and the United Kingdom, including two daily flights from New York (JFK) to London (LHR). The number of international point-of-sale customers traveling in recent weeks following the easing of U.S. entry restrictions is significantly higher than in the weeks prior. Throughout November, American will operate more than 200 daily flights on nearly 200 routes to international destinations with those numbers climbing to nearly 300 daily international flights at the beginning of 2022.

British Airways currently operates up to 34 daily flights between the United Kingdom and United States, including seven flights from London (LHR) to New York. From January 2022, the airline plans to operate 246 flights a week to the United States from London.

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About British Airways

As a global airline and the UK’s flag carrier, British Airways has been flying its customers to where they need to be for more than 100 years. The airline connects Britain with the world and the world with Britain, operating one of the most extensive international scheduled airline route networks together with its joint business, codeshare and franchise partners. British Airways flies to destinations in more than 65 countries. Its principal place of business is London, with its main home at Heathrow Terminal 5. In 2020, the airline won five Business Traveller Awards including Best Short-Haul Carrier, Best Airport Lounge and Best Frequent Flyer Programme. In September 2021, British Airways launched its sustainability programme, BA Better World, committing to put sustainability at the heart of everything it does and with a clear roadmap to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. British Airways

is a founding member of the airline alliance oneworld, which serves around 1,000 destinations across the globe. The latest information on the measures British Airways is taking to ensure its customers have a safe experience when travelling can be found **here**.

About American Express Global Business Travel

American Express Global Business Travel (GBT) is the world's leading business partner for managed travel. We help companies and their employees prosper by making sure travelers are present where and when it matters. We keep global business moving with the powerful backing of travel professionals in more than 140 countries. Companies of all sizes, and in all places, rely on GBT to provide travel management services, organize meetings and events, and deliver business travel consulting.

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About Qured

Qured is an established healthcare provider and a market leader in Covid-19 testing. Qured has developed a unique solution for highly scalable rapid antigen screening along with PCR testing, allowing for safe and convenient travel testing for customers. Qured's remote care platform provides Covid-19 testing overseen by a professional health advisor using rapid antigen tests with FDA EUA and verified results within 2 hours. **www.qured.us** / **www.qured.com**