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American Airlines partners with award-winning Pecan Lodge to serve Texas barbecue on select flights from DFW to New York airports

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FORT WORTH, Texas — Beginning next month, customers aboard select American Airlines flights will be able to enjoy an authentic taste of Texas en route to New York as the airline partners with nationally recognized Pecan Lodge restaurant to serve Texas barbecue on board.

Since its founding in 2010, Pecan Lodge has been honored by the likes of the Food Network, New York Times, Travel + Leisure and more for its traditional Central Texas-style barbecue, which will take to the skies for the first time ever through this partnership with American.

In February, passengers in First Class on flights from Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) to LaGuardia Airport (LGA) and John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) can enjoy an authentic Pecan Lodge barbecue platter featuring brisket and smoked sausage, paired with creamy mac and cheese and crisp coleslaw. In March, American will offer a chopped brisket sandwich with roasted green beans and creamy potato salad.

Both options — served, of course, with a side of Pecan Lodge's famous barbecue sauce — are only available for preorder beginning Jan. 11 through aa.com or American's mobile app.

"As we celebrate American's centennial anniversary in 2026, we're looking forward to delighting our customers in new ways that honor unique regional tastes, beginning right here in our home state through one of the most beloved barbecue restaurants in Texas," said Rhonda Crawford, American's SVP of Customer Experience Design and Strategy. "Our customers deserve nothing but the best, and Pecan Lodge is certainly that."

The Pecan Lodge partnership is the latest in American's commitment to elevating its customer experience, having recently partnered with Champagne Bollinger and Lavazza coffee both in lounges and in flight. This month, American also started rolling out free Wi-Fi to AAdvantage® members, sponsored by AT&T.

February offering: Pecan Lodge barbecue platter

Smoked brisket and smoked sausage, paired with creamy mac and cheese, crisp coleslaw and a side of pickles, onions and barbecue sauce

March offering: Smoked chopped brisket sandwich

Chopped brisket on a fresh brioche bun, served with roasted green beans, creamy potato salad and a side of pickles, onions and barbecue sauce

About American Airlines Group (NASDAQ: AAL)

American Airlines is a premium global airline connecting more of the U.S. to the world. With roots tracing back to an air mail carrier in the Midwestern United States in 1926, American now operates more than 6,000 daily flights to more than 350 destinations in more than 60 countries and serves more than 200 million customers annually. Powered by a proud and talented team of 130,000 aviation professionals, American's team lives out the airline's purpose of caring for people on life's journey every day.

The world's largest airline proudly celebrates its centennial year in 2026, reaching a milestone that reflects a century of innovation and the Forever ForwardSM spirit that changed the industry and the world. American introduced the first scheduled air cargo service, the first airport lounge and the first airline loyalty program and continues to reinvent the customer experience today. The airline is also a founding member of the oneworld alliance, whose members serve more than 900 destinations around the globe.

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