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American Airlines returns to Venezuela with first Miami to Caracas flight

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- On Thursday, April 30, American Airlines marked a significant milestone in reconnecting Venezuela and the United States with the first departure to Caracas (CCS) in seven years.
- Operated by Envoy Air, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Airlines Group, the Embraer 175 taking off for Venezuela featured a special livery marking the 250th anniversary year of the United States.
- A second daily flight between Miami (MIA) and Caracas (CCS) will start on May 21.

MIAMI — American Airlines made history today with the first nonstop flight between the United States and Venezuela in seven years. Flight 3599 departed Miami (MIA) at 10:11 a.m. bound for Caracas (CCS). The departure included a celebration at the gate where American welcomed passengers on this milestone flight. The flight will also serve as the inaugural flight for American's special America250 livery aircraft.

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Government and local officials join American Airlines team members to celebrate the restart of American's service to Caracas, Venezuela.

"American is proud to be the first airline to resume service between Venezuela and the U.S. Our historic return to Venezuela wouldn't be possible without the efforts of U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and the governments of both countries," said American's Executive Vice President of American Eagle, Corporate Real Estate and Government Affairs Nate Gatten. "American is the leading air carrier between the U.S. and Latin America because of our incredible Miami hub and the people, elected leaders and community who help power it every day."

American's industry-leading network grows stronger

American first began service to Venezuela in 1987 before suspending flights in 2019. For more than 30 years, American served as the leading U.S. airline in the country, helping connect people, businesses and communities. The resumption of this service is part of the airline's commitment as the largest airline between the U.S. and Latin America and the Caribbean to provide travelers with comprehensive access to the region.

Starting May 21, American will introduce a second daily service between MIA and CCS, also with Envoy-operated Embraer 175 aircraft. The E175 is a dual-class regional jet featuring a premium cabin and free Wi-Fi, sponsored by AT&T.

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The Envoy-operated Embraer 175 with a special livery marking America's 250th anniversary year received a water cannon salute as it departed the gate in Miami.

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Crew for inaugural MIA to CCS flight (left to right): Flight Attendant Mayrim Melendez, Captain Ric Wilson, Captain Robert Neider Jr. and Flight Attendant Francisco Hiraldo Rivera.

With two daily flights, customers have more opportunities to tailor their itineraries to fit their needs best. American's hub at MIA is the best in the industry for connecting the United States with Venezuela, providing more than 85 destinations convenient one-stop access to CCS, including from Orlando, Florida (MCO), Houston (IAH), New York (LGA) and more.

Tickets are available for purchase on both flights at aa.com or through American's mobile app.

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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