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# American Airlines unveils first international route for the game-changing Airbus A321XLR

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- American will launch new seasonal service between New York (JFK) and Edinburgh, Scotland (EDI), in March 2026.
- With seven additional trans-Atlantic routes for 2026, American is among the fastest-growing airlines from the U.S. to Europe and the Middle East.
- American is the first U.S. airline to receive the Airbus A321XLR, which offers premium Flagship Suite® and Premium Economy seats.

FORT WORTH, Texas — American Airlines is expanding international access with new seasonal service from New York (JFK) to Edinburgh, Scotland (EDI), starting March 2026. With convenient flights to Scotland's awe-inspiring landscapes and majestic castles straight out of a fairy tale, Edinburgh has become a favorite destination for travelers.

"After a successful summer in Edinburgh, American is excited to offer a second route to give travelers more access to one of their favorite destinations," said Brian Znotins, American's Senior Vice President of Network and Schedule Planning. "With the game-changing Airbus A321XLR now in our fleet, we could not be more excited to connect the Big Apple with Auld Reekie. This is the right aircraft to open this route and with an elevated premium experience for travelers to enjoy."

Tickets for American's new route will go on sale starting Nov. 3 on [aa.com](https://aa.com) or through American's mobile app.

Get ready for EDI

A vibrant city with access to the Scottish Highlands that has inspired writers throughout history, Edinburgh is a

popular tourist destination for travelers looking to get a little more literary flair out of their European vacation. A new book from one of the city’s many bookstores is the perfect souvenir.

Modern golf has its roots in Scotland, and today, golfers have much to look forward to with more than 550 golf courses in the region. And, as a growing destination for business traffic, American’s daily flights enable convenient schedule options for travelers blending leisure and business.

American launched seasonal service between Philadelphia (PHL) and EDI this year, with plans to start the season on this route earlier next year. Flights from JFK will be complementary to service between PHL and EDI. For travelers desiring even more flexibility to choose the perfect itinerary or to visit more of Europe, American’s Atlantic Joint Business partner British Airways offers nonstop flights from EDI to England, Italy and Spain.

JFK to EDI will be American’s seventh new trans-Atlantic route for summer 2026. In August, American announced five new routes to Europe, including new international service to Budapest, Hungary (BUD) and Prague (PRG).

Departure airport	Arrival airport	Season start	Season end	Aircraft
New York (JFK) Philadelphia (PHL)	Edinburgh (EDI) EDI	March 8, 2026 March 28, 2026	Oct. 24, 2026 Oct. 24, 2026	Airbus A321XLR Boeing 787-8

American’s Airbus A321XLR

American is the first U.S. airline to introduce the A321XLR. Featuring 20 Flagship Suite® seats, 12 Premium Economy seats and 123 Main Cabin seats, this aircraft offers an elevated inflight experience. All customers flying on this aircraft will have access to high-speed Wi-Fi and complimentary seatback entertainment featuring Bluetooth connectivity.

The A321XLR offers customers the ability to upgrade their travel experience on the ride to Scotland. The Flagship Suite® seats offer passengers lie-flat seating, direct aisle access, wireless charging and more. Premium Economy seats feature enhanced winged headrests, calf and footrests and wireless charging.

American will offer hot meals and complimentary beverages in each cabin on trans-Atlantic flights. Inflight menus rotate monthly and are curated to bring more flavor on board. Additional details about onboard food offerings will be available in the coming months.

As American takes delivery of additional A321XLR aircraft, the airline plans to use the aircraft on additional transcontinental and international routes. The A321XLR will debut on flights between JFK and Los Angeles (LAX)



starting Dec. 18, and American will continue operating this aircraft on this route through March 2026.

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Flagship Suite® seats feature lie-flat seating and direct aisle access.

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Premium Economy seats feature enhanced winged headrests and wireless charging.

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Main Cabin seats feature seatback entertainment and power outlets.

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