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# American Airlines enhances the nation's premier network with new routes from Chicago and Los Angeles

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- American will grow its Chicago (ORD) hub with new service to Allentown, Pennsylvania (ABE); Columbia, South Carolina (CAE); and Kahului, Hawaii (OGG), this year.
- From Los Angeles (LAX), customers will have new flights to Cleveland, Ohio (CLE), and Washington, D.C. (IAD), starting in April.
- These new routes enhance the country's premier domestic network that already offers more travel options than any other airline.

FORT WORTH, Texas — American Airlines is turning the heat up this winter with new routes for customers to see the world. Travelers are already starting to lock in their plans for summer, and the airline is responding to customer enthusiasm for travel with new routes from Chicago (ORD) and Los Angeles (LAX), building on an existing commitment to offer customers more nationwide travel options than any other airline.

"Air travel is about more than just flying from one place to another; it's a symphony of travelers eagerly looking forward to seeing friends and family, crossing off bucket-list vacations and making a difference with face-to-face business meetings," said Brian Znotins, American's Senior Vice President of Network and Schedule Planning. "American's new routes from Chicago and Los Angeles are just another way the airline is catering to all kinds of travelers with unmatched connectivity across the United States."

Tickets for the new routes will be available for purchase starting Jan. 26 on **aa.com** or through American's mobile app.

Departure airport	Arrival airport	Aircraft type	Service start date	Service end date	Frequency
Chicago (ORD)	Allentown, Pennsylvania (ABE)	Embraer 170	May 21	Year-round	Two daily flights
ORD	Columbia, South Carolina (CAE)	Embraer 170	May 21	Year-round	Two daily flights
ORD	Kahului, Hawaii (OGG)	Boeing 787-8	Dec. 17	March 27, 2027	Daily service
Los Angeles (LAX)	Cleveland, Ohio (CLE)	Boeing 737	April 7	Year-round	Daily service
LAX	Washington, D.C. (IAD)	Boeing 737	April 7	Year-round	Daily service

### Building a network for Chicagoans

In 1926, the roots of the American Airlines customers around the world know today were planted with a flight from Chicago to St. Louis. Since then, Chicago has remained an important part of the airline's story. American's network from Chicago has grown significantly over the past year, giving local residents more competitive access to more than 180 destinations they want to visit.

This included adding service last year to 29 new destinations such as Naples, Italy (NAP), St. Croix (STX), St. Maarten (SXM) and more. All new routes American launched from ORD last year will return this year. And, for those looking to start the year off with new trips, American will offer more than **500 peak daily** departures just in time to shake off the cold and enjoy spring break.

In 2026, the airline continues to build on that commitment. OGG is one of the most-visited leisure destinations for Chicagoans in winter, and American's nonstop service will offer Flagship® Business with lie-flat seats and Premium Economy choices for customers looking for premium seat options. Flights to ABE and CAE will also enable connections from those cities to destinations across the world that American and its best-in-class partners serve from ORD, like Honolulu, Tokyo and more.

These new routes elevate American's competitive offerings, giving travelers more opportunities to earn and redeem AAdvantage® miles. Moreover, with premium seats on every flight, American is the only hub carrier giving Chicagoans the chance to upgrade their travel experience every time they fly.

### Pressing play on new flights to Los Angeles

Eighty years ago, American became part of aviation history in the City of Angels as one of the first airlines to begin service at Los Angeles Municipal Airport. Since then, American has offered nonstop flights and premium experiences for travelers ranging from film industry icons to families looking to take in the California sun. American's network from LAX is only getting bigger this year with new service to CLE. Also, new service to IAD will offer complementary service to American's existing two daily flights to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), offering travelers up to three daily options between Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

American and its partners fly to more than 85 destinations from LAX, giving AAdvantage® members the most

comprehensive network of any major carrier for earning miles and status. With soccer fans already planning their visits to see their teams play on the world stage for FIFA World Cup 26™, American alone will offer more than 145 peak daily departures this summer.

For travelers flying to or from LAX, American has made premium upgrades to its service. Late last year, the airline **introduced the game-changing Airbus A321XLR** featuring Flagship Suite® seats on flights to New York (JFK). This will expand to include flights to Boston (BOS) later this summer. And, starting March 28, American will introduce its premium Boeing 787-9, also featuring Flagship Suite® seats, on select flights to London (LHR).

A world-class network for travelers

American will offer up to 7,000 peak daily departures this summer, cementing the carrier's position operating more flights than any other airline in the world. For travelers, this means more flight options and more opportunities to explore the world. From traveling to see major sporting events across the country to important business trips and everything in between, American's flight options are designed with travelers in mind.

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 Forward<sup>SM</sup> 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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