

Celebrating 100 Years of American Airlines

Honoring a century of innovation and caring for people on life's journey for another 100 years and beyond.



Centennial Sweepstakes

From now until **April 30**, 100 AAdvantage® members can enter for a chance to win **25,000 AAdvantage®** bonus miles each



Scan to enter the sweepstakes

1936: American is the first airline to fly the Douglas DC-3 in commercial service between New York and Chicago

1959: American launches the first scheduled transcontinental U.S. passenger jet service with the Boeing 707 from Los Angeles to New York Idlewild (now Kennedy)

1981: American launches the AAdvantage® program, the first frequent flyer program from a major airline

2013: American merges with US Airways

2026: American celebrates its centennial

1939: American opens the very first airport lounge

1977: American launches "Super Saver" fares, offering discounted fares when purchased in advance

1999: The **oneworld®** alliance is launched by founding members American Airlines, British Airways, Canadian Airlines International, Cathay Pacific Airways and Qantas

2015: American flies its first revenue flight on the Boeing 787

Updated as of 4/15/25

Celebrating 100 Years of American Airlines

Honoring a century of innovation and caring for people on life's journey for another 100 years and beyond.



Everyday flight deals to more than 100 destinations



Scan to book your next flight today

1936: American is the first airline to fly the Douglas DC-3 in commercial service between New York and Chicago

1959: American launches the first scheduled transcontinental U.S. passenger jet service with the Boeing 707 from Los Angeles to New York Idlewild (now Kennedy)

1981: American launches the AAdvantage® program, the first frequent flyer program from a major airline

2013: American merges with US Airways

2026: American celebrates its centennial

1939: American opens the very first airport lounge

1977: American launches "Super Saver" fares, offering discounted fares when purchased in advance

1999: The oneworld® alliance is launched by founding members American Airlines, British Airways, Canadian Airlines International, Cathay Pacific Airways and Qantas

2015: American flies its first revenue flight with the Boeing 787

Updated as of 4/15/26

News notification



American Airlines updates timing for Venezuela service

American Airlines continues to work closely with regulators on reinstating nonstop service between the United States and Venezuela. When all government approvals and security checks are complete, American plans to offer daily nonstop service between Miami (MIA) and Caracas, Venezuela (CCS), with Embraer 175 aircraft starting as soon as April 30. [Read more »](#)

Read this [story](#) and other news at [news.aa.com](#).

To unsubscribe from email alerts, please visit [aa.com/newsroom](#).

News notification



American Airlines to launch electronic boarding gates at DFW, ushering in the next evolution of the boarding experience

American Airlines is advancing the future of air travel with the official launch of electronic boarding gates at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) beginning this summer. [Read more »](#)

Read this [story](#) and other news at news.aa.com.