

New strategic partnership with Qatar Airways

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Today, American announced the first step in a strategic partnership with Qatar Airways. This will begin with a restored codeshare deal between the airlines.

This is good news for many reasons:

Increased connectivity to save time

The number of corporate customers is growing and we're seeing increased demand in India, Africa, South East Asia and the Middle East. Many growth markets with corporate interest are difficult to reach (i.e. Chennai, India; Hyderabad, India; Islamabad, Pakistan; Lagos, Nigeria; Nairobi, Kenya). By adding a partner hub in Qatar, we can offer increased connectivity and a much broader network for customers. Ultimately, this will save corporate travelers many, many hours of travel and create much more value.

American continues to identify partners to add value

American is focused on adding partners that add the most value and choice for corporate travelers. In the last few months, American has announced flights to Casablanca, Morocco (CMN) and Bangalore, India (BLR) and our partnerships with Royal Air Maroc and Alaska Airlines. Our partnership with Qatar Airways will add more new destinations to our schedule.

Possible American flight to Doha, Qatar

American will begin exploring the addition of service from the U.S. to Doha, Qatar.

Codeshare

Pending government approvals, American will place its code on select Qatar Airways' nonstop and connecting services to and from the U.S. and Qatar Airways' hub in Doha, allowing American's customers to access new destinations in the Middle East, East Africa, South Asia and South East Asia that are not currently served by American.

Qatar Airways will place its code on select flights beyond American's hubs in Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW), Chicago (ORD), Philadelphia (PHL), Miami (MIA), New York (JFK) and Los Angeles (LAX), as well as on American's international flights to and from Europe, the Caribbean, Central America and South America.

As always, thank you for choosing American Airlines.