

## *An update on UK and Europe travel*

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American Airlines is closely following two ongoing and developing items that may impact UK and Europe travel. Flights from the UK to New York will have updated pre-flight COVID-19 testing requirements, and ongoing Brexit negotiations may impact allowable codeshares on select flights.

### [Updated Pre-flight testing requirements for UK to New York flights](#)

Due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, there will be new requirements for pre-flight COVID-19 testing for passengers originating in the UK and traveling to John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). The situation continues to evolve, and new requirements could be issued in the coming days.

We currently operate one daily flight between Heathrow Airport (LHR) and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), which is not impacted by this change. For the latest information regarding government-imposed pre-flight testing requirements, please visit our [travel tool](#) powered by Sherpa.

Our joint business partner British Airways (BA) currently operates flights between LHR and JFK. Any of our customers traveling on these codeshare flights will be contacted directly if their requirements for proof of a negative COVID-19 test have changed.

### [Potential Brexit impact on codeshare partners](#)

We are also closely following the Brexit negotiations between the UK Government and the European Commission. While the exact outcome of negotiations is still to be finalized, we do expect some changes to booking and servicing codeshare itineraries involving BA.

The main change is the potential removal of the BA\* marketing code on nonstop service operated by American between the U.S. and EU countries (e.g. DFW-FRA or MAD-JFK) for new bookings starting January 1, 2021. This does not impact flights to or from the UK.

Use of the BA\* marketing code on itineraries between the U.S. and EU will potentially only be permitted if the journey has a connection via the UK (e.g. DFW-LHR-ARN). In these instances, the LHR-ARN flight can continue to be booked using the AA codeshare or BA\* marketing codes, and all U.S. to EU itineraries can continue to be booked with the AA marketing code.

The BA\* marketing code will remain in place during a transition period to honor existing bookings made through December 31, 2020, regardless of the date of travel.

We anticipate additional details regarding these changes in the coming weeks, and encourage you and your travelers to monitor the UK Government website for [EU citizens coming to the UK](#), and [Britons going to Europe](#) for the latest information. Should you need to service existing bookings, please refer to [batraveltrade.com](http://batraveltrade.com) for further instructions.

We value your partnership and look forward to welcoming you on board when the time is right.

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