

REPORT: AIRLINES: NORTH AMERICA

What you need to know

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This report presents a roundup of what's been happening to North America's airlines over the last month.

Major airlines

Air Canada

Three new Vancouver routes for summer 2025

The summer 2025 schedule will see Air Canada introduce three new routes from Vancouver. From [June 3](#), it will start year-round [twice-weekly](#) service to Tampa. A [thrice-weekly](#) seasonal service to Raleigh will run from [June 4 to September 29](#), while [four](#) weekly flights to Nashville will operate between [May 1 and October 30](#).

Among existing routes, Austin frequency will increase to [five](#) per week, Denver will be upgraded to [twice-daily](#) service, and Miami will get an extra [weekly](#) service.

New Manila link

Starting [April 2, 2025](#), Air Canada will launch direct [four-times](#) weekly service from Vancouver to Manila. This will be the airline's first route to the Philippines.

Delta Air Lines

JFK-Rio flights resuming

On December 20, Delta Air Lines resumed seasonal flights from New York JFK to Rio de Janeiro. The [daily](#) services will operate until late [March 2025](#). It will compete with a daily seasonal service operated by American Airlines.

Low-cost carriers

Avelo Airlines

Two new North Carolina hubs coming in 2025

Avelo Airlines has announced plans for the 2025 opening of two new North Carolina bases at Charlotte's Concord-Padgett Regional airport and at Wilmington International airport. In the first week of [April](#), from Wilmington it will start [twice-weekly](#) services to Boston, Nashville and Rochester. It will also launch [twice-weekly](#) flights from Concord-Padgett to Daytona Beach and Nashville.

Elsewhere, Avelo will start [twice-weekly](#) flights from Raleigh-Durham to Montego Bay and Punta Cana on [February 12 and 22](#), respectively.

Five new routes from Connecticut

Avelo is to launch five new routes from Connecticut in early 2025. From Tweed-New Haven airport, it will start [twice-weekly](#) flights to Jacksonville on [February 14](#) and to Dallas/Ft Worth on [March 7](#). It will also add [twice-weekly](#) seasonal services to Detroit and Portland, Maine on [April 4](#) and [May 22](#), respectively.

Elsewhere in the state, Avelo will start [twice-weekly](#) seasonal service from Bradley International airport to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic on [February 21](#).

Breeze Airways

[Corporate clients may drive some new routes](#)

Having expanded its distribution to some key corporate channels, Breeze Airways is now willing to talk to corporate clients about the future development of its network. If it makes operational and financial sense, Breeze could open routes where companies currently rely on private jets for their travel needs.

Frontier Airlines

[First-class eating and extra loyalty benefits coming in 2025](#)

In 2025, ultra-low-cost carrier Frontier Airlines will introduce first-class seating and new loyalty benefits. It will offer a first class comprising the first two rows of seating from late in the year.

Elite Gold loyalty program members (and above) will receive free upgrades early in 2025. Platinum and Diamond Elite members will be able to fly with a companion at no extra cost from mid-2025.

JetBlue Airways

[Transatlantic network expanding in 2025](#)

JetBlue Airways will expand its transatlantic network in 2025. Starting [May 22](#), it will introduce [daily](#) seasonal services from Boston to Edinburgh and Madrid. This means the summer season will see JetBlue operate seven daily non-stop flights from Boston to Europe.

[First-class seating coming in 2026](#)

As part of its strategy to return to profitability, JetBlue plans to install first-class seating on domestic flights in 2026. It's responding to strong customer demand for premium options. First-class will be offered in a two-by-two configuration at the front of domestic aircraft not already offering the airline's Mint product.

Spirit Airlines

[Third quarter losses almost double](#)

Bankrupt low-cost carrier Spirit Airlines saw its third quarter losses deepen from \$189 million last year to \$296 million. Its revenue for the period was down slightly from \$1.26 billion to \$1.20 billion. Spirit's net loss almost doubled from \$158 million to \$308 million.

Other airlines

[Alaska Air Group](#)

[Long-haul network planned from Seattle](#)

Using Hawaiian Airlines' widebody aircraft, Alaska Air Group will launch new long-haul services from Seattle to Seoul Incheon and Tokyo Narita in 2025. [Daily](#) flights to Tokyo will start in [May](#), with Seoul services following in [October](#). By 2030, Alaska Air Group plans to expand its long-haul international network to at least 12 destinations.

Porter Airlines

Two new Florida routes from Halifax and Ottawa

Canada's Porter Airlines has launched two new seasonal services from Ottawa to Florida. It's now offering **thrice-weekly** service to Fort Myers and **four** weekly flights to Tampa. The airline has also launched **thrice-weekly** flights from Halifax to Tampa and **daily** services to Orlando.

Two new domestic services from Toronto Pearson

Porter Airlines has launched a new domestic service from Toronto Pearson airport. Using 132-seat Embraer 195-E2, it now offers **thrice-weekly** services to Thunder Bay, providing competition to Air Canada's 17 weekly flights on the route.

It will add a second domestic service on **May 14, 2025**, using Embraer 195-E2s to operate **five** weekly flights to Kelowna. Frequency will be increased to **daily** from **June 23**.

WestJet

Vancouver-Austin route announced

WestJet has announced plans for a new transborder link between Vancouver and Austin. From **May 11, 2025**, it will offer **four** weekly flights between the two cities, competing with Air Canada.

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