

October 14, 2026 - Travel Updates

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THE DETAILS

01 NEW ROUTES

Delta to Add Two European Routes for Summer 2027

Delta plans to add two European routes for summer 2027, expanding nonstop options and flexibility for transatlantic travelers.

[↗ Delta to Add Two European Routes for Summer 2027 ›](#)

02 FARE POLICY

United to Add Base Fare to First and Business Class

United plans a new Base fare in First and Business Class. Corporate travelers should review the associated change, refund and benefit restrictions before booking.

[↗ United to Add Base Fare to First and Business Class ›](#)

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AIRLINE NEWS

Southwest Airlines Evaluates Boeing 787 for Long-Haul Expansion

Southwest is evaluating the Boeing 787 for potential long-haul operations, a possible departure from its all-737 fleet. No aircraft purchase or new routes have been confirmed.

[↗ Southwest Airlines Evaluates Boeing 787 for Long-Haul Expansion ›](#)

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ROUTE CHANGES

Air Canada Cancels 14 Routes in 2026

Air Canada has canceled or suspended 14 routes in 2026, potentially requiring travelers to consider alternative itineraries and connections.

[↗ Air Canada Cancels 14 Routes in 2026 ›](#)

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NEW ROUTES

10 Airlines Launching 29 New US-Europe Long-Haul Routes

Ten airlines are adding a combined 29 long-haul US-Europe routes, expanding nonstop choices and transatlantic connectivity.

[↗ 10 Airlines Launching 29 New US-Europe Long-Haul Routes ›](#)

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RAIL

Virgin Reveals Plans for New Cross-Channel Rail Services

Virgin is planning cross-Channel rail service linking London with Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam, targeting a potential 2030 launch.

[↗ Virgin Reveals Plans for New Cross-Channel Rail Services ›](#)

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CONNECTIVITY

KLM to Introduce Starlink Wi-Fi on Intercontinental Flights

KLM plans to introduce Starlink Wi-Fi on intercontinental flights beginning in mid-2027, improving onboard connectivity.

[↗ KLM to Introduce Starlink Wi-Fi on Intercontinental Flights ›](#)

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AIRPORT TECH

UK Begins Rollout of Contactless Airport eGates

The UK has begun rolling out contactless airport eGates using facial recognition to streamline processing for eligible travelers.

[↗ UK Begins Rollout of Contactless Airport eGates ›](#)

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PREMIUM CABINS

British Airways Launches World's Largest Business Class Section

British Airways is introducing an unusually large business class section, potentially increasing premium-seat availability on select services.

[↗ British Airways Launches World's Largest Business Class Section ›](#)

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TRAVEL TRENDS

Business Travel Is Getting Smarter, More Selective, and More Human

Organizations are increasingly weighing trip purpose, cost management and employee well-being when deciding which business trips deliver value.

[↗ Business Travel Is Getting Smarter, More Selective, and More Human ›](#)

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CONNECTIVITY

American to Expand Starlink to All Mainline Aircraft

American plans to expand Starlink high-speed Wi-Fi across its mainline fleet to improve onboard connectivity.

↗ [American to Expand Starlink to All Mainline Aircraft](#) ›

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LOUNGES

American to Add Admirals Club in Charlotte

American plans a new Admirals Club at Charlotte Douglas International Airport, expanding lounge options for eligible connecting travelers.

↗ [American to Add Admirals Club in Charlotte](#) ›

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