

# Edinburgh to New York direct with Delta from next year



From next year another major American airline will offer a direct flight from Edinburgh to the Big Apple. From 27 May 2016 Delta will commence a daily service from Edinburgh Airport direct to New York JFK.

This allows more choice and connectivity across all of North America via Delta's extensive network and strong Sky Team alliance at New York JFK.

The aircraft will offer all passengers access to on-demand in-flight entertainment and Wi-Fi connectivity throughout the aircraft.

In the First Class area (called Delta One) they offer flat beds and personal dining ensuring you arrive fully rested and replete.

Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive of Edinburgh Airport commented:

"Edinburgh Airport has witnessed exceptionally strong growth to North America over the past three years and in particular to New York. We are therefore delighted to welcome Delta to Edinburgh to maintain our continued development of the North American market.

Edinburgh to New York is a flagship route between two vibrant economic and cultural power houses. The strong bonds between Scotland and America are well known and we look forward to welcoming even more inbound visitors from throughout America to Scotland's capital city, and similarly assist more Scots in visiting North America."

Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities  
Keith Brown also said:

“Scotland and the United States share strong cultural and economic bonds, so this new direct service between Edinburgh and New York will only serve to strengthen these links.

“This is excellent news for Scottish businesses, giving them enhanced direct access to American markets. It will also prove valuable for our tourism industry – by reducing the need for travellers to take extra connecting flights via London or the continent, we make Scotland even more attractive as a holiday destination.

“Of course, we could attract more direct international flights like this to Scotland by cutting rates of Air Passenger Duty, and I once again call on the UK Government to transfer these powers to the Scottish Parliament as soon as possible.

“I congratulate Edinburgh Airport and Delta on this announcement and look forward to the new service taking off next summer.”

Mike Cantlay, Chairman of VisitScotland said:

“We are delighted that Delta has chosen to launch a direct service from New York to Edinburgh. The United States continues to be our biggest international market for inbound tourism but there is always room for growth. Direct route improvements over the last two years have helped boost visitor numbers and this new route will tap in to Delta’s vast North American network opening up even more opportunities for US visitors to come to Scotland.

“Connecting Scotland to major hubs in the US is key for growth and with this new route we now have all three major airline alliances serving Edinburgh and Scotland which will encourage visitors, including those members of airline loyalty schemes, to fly directly to the country.

“US visitors are drawn to Scotland for its awe-inspiring scenery, engrossing history and rich culture, while the enduring appeal of Diana Gabaldon’s ‘Outlander’ continues to generated huge interest amongst travellers.”