

Alaska Airlines and Aer Lingus team up to give Mileage Plan members more flights to Europe

Irish carrier will start service from the Emerald Isle to the Emerald City of Seattle on May 18

SEATTLE, March 27, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Alaska Airlines and Aer Lingus announced a broad partnership that will provide Mileage Plan members more ways to earn and redeem miles to Europe. The carriers will begin interline availability across their respective networks starting in April. Alaska Mileage Plan members will be able to earn and redeem miles on Aer Lingus flights and Aer Lingus AerClub members will also be able to earn and redeem miles on Alaska, starting at a later date.

Aer Lingus currently serves Dublin from 13 cities in North America, including from Alaska's gateway cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco and – starting May 18 – nonstop from Seattle.

"This new partnership with Aer Lingus is another example of how Alaska is giving our Mileage Plan members more and more ways to travel and earn miles to all corners of the map through our diverse global partners," said Andrew Harrison, Alaska Airlines' executive vice president and chief commercial officer. "Aer Lingus provides our members even more reach for travel within Europe, with seamless service through Dublin to 24 cities in the U.K. and Europe."

"We're pleased to join with Alaska Airlines. It's a meeting of like-minded, service-oriented carriers bringing attractive propositions to their respective travelers," said Greg Kaldahl, Aer Lingus' chief strategy and planning officer. "Our Aer Lingus guests will now be able to connect onwards to a wide range of destinations up and down the West Coast, Alaska and Hawaii; while loyal Alaska flyers will gain the opportunity to fly transatlantic on Ireland's only 4-star airline. We are looking forward to a long and successful partnership."

The capital and largest city in Ireland, Dublin has become a new hub for U.S. technology companies doing business in Europe. The city hosts the annual Dublin Tech Summit each spring, which is attended by influential global companies and innovators.

"The Emerald Isle is a fabulous destination, and we look forward to welcoming new visitors to Seattle and the Northwest," said Port of Seattle Commission President Courtney Gregoire. "Demand for this route was high. Not only does Seattle have strong business ties to Ireland – with Microsoft and Amazon bases there, but the cultural connections span centuries."

Aer Lingus will fly Airbus A330-200 wide body aircraft on its new route from Seattle to Dublin. Since Dublin airport has its own U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, passengers and their luggage will be pre-cleared in Ireland before departure, with no need to go through passport control on arrival in Seattle.

Aer Lingus is the national airline of Ireland, founded in 1936. It operates 63 aircraft on more than 100 routes to destinations in the U.K., Europe and North America and carries more than 12 million guests per annum. Aer Lingus is Ireland's only 4-Star airline, awarded by Skytrax, the international air transport rating organization. Its mission is to connect Ireland to the world and to become the leading value carrier operating across the North Atlantic. Its home base is Dublin Airport. Aer Lingus is a member of International Airlines Group (IAG), one of the world's largest airline groups.

With Alaska Airlines, Mileage Plan members can travel and earn miles to more than 900 destinations around the globe through a unique network of international partners. Members of the [award-winning](#) loyalty program can earn miles faster, get elite status sooner and redeem miles for award travel. Learn more and register for free at <https://www.alaskaair.com/mileageplan>.

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Alaska Airlines, together with Virgin America and its regional partners, flies 44 million guests a year to more

than 115 destinations with an average of 1,200 daily flights across the United States and to Mexico, Canada and Costa Rica. With Alaska and [Alaska Global Partners](#), guests can earn and redeem miles on flights to more than 900 destinations worldwide. Alaska Airlines ranked "[Highest in Customer Satisfaction Among Traditional Carriers in North America](#)" in the J.D. Power North America Satisfaction Study for 10 consecutive years from 2008 to 2017. Learn more about Alaska's award-winning service at [newsroom.alaskaair.com](#) and [blog.alaskaair.com](#). Alaska Airlines, Virgin America and Horizon Air are subsidiaries of Alaska Air Group (NYSE: ALK).

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