

New Airline Alliance Developments



Airlines are increasing the network functions of alliances. World Travel is tracking these developments for you.

What is an Interline Through-Fare Agreement?

This is industry terminology for having one ticket encompassing two flights on separate airlines to reach your final international destination. For example: flying Dallas (DFW) – New York (JFK) on American because of greater flight availability, and continuing New York (JFK) – Paris (CDG) on Air France.

How is this going to affect my travel?

When two airlines no longer have an Interline Through-Fare Agreement, it means you'll need two separate tickets to travel a feeder flight to an international flight on a **non-alliance partner**. It also means you'll probably have to claim your luggage in the layover city and re-check baggage with your next airline. Additionally, If your first flight is delayed, your second flight itinerary is not protected. You'll have to re-book your second flight if your first flight causes you to miss the connection.

What are my options?

- 1. Book within an Airline Alliance.** In the example above, while American Airlines is not in the Sky Team Alliance with Air France, Delta is part of the Sky Team Alliance, as shown on the back of this page. In the example above, Delta will not have as many flight options for Dallas (DFW) – New York (JFK), but because they share an alliance with Air France, you'll travel with one ticket, won't have to claim and re-check your bags, and your second flight will be protected in the case of missed connections.
- 2.** If you prefer the flight schedules of two airlines that are not in an alliance, you can still fly them, but you'll travel on two tickets. In this case, you will probably need to claim your luggage in your connection city, then wait in line to re-check baggage on your next flight, and re-clear security to get back to the terminal. Keep an eye on your second flight if your first flight is delayed, and be sure to contact your travel agent if think you'll miss it.

Major Airline Alliances

Booking a feeder flight to catch an international flight? Book within an alliance, or be sure to leave plenty of layover time to guarantee your connection.



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| airberlin |  | Iberia |  | Quantas |  |
| American Airlines |  | Japan Airlines |  | Qatar Airways |  |
| British Airways |  | LAN |  | Royal Jordanian |  |
| Cathay Pacific |  | TAM Airlines |  | S7 Airlines |  |
| Finnair |  | Malaysian Airlines |  | SriLankan Airlines |  |



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| Aeroflot |  | China Eastern |  | Korean Air |  |
| Aerolineas Argentinas |  | China Southern |  | MEA |  |
| AeroMexico |  | Czech Airlines |  | Saudia |  |
| Air Europa |  | Delta Air Lines |  | Tarom |  |
| Air France |  | Garuda Indonesia |  | Vietnam Airlines |  |
| Alitalia |  | Kenya Airways |  | XiamenAir |  |
| China Airlines |  | KLM |  | | |



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| Aegean Airlines |  | Croatia Airlines |  | SWISS |  |
| Air Canada |  | EGYPTAIR |  | TAP Portugal |  |
| Air China |  | Ethiopian Airlines |  | THAI |  |
| Air New Zealand |  | Eva Air |  | Turkish Airlines |  |
| ANA |  | LOT Polish Airlines |  | United |  |
| Asiana Airlines |  | Lufthansa |  | | |
| Austrian |  | Scandinavian Airlines |  | | |
| Avianca |  | Shenzhen Airlines |  | | |
| Brussels Airlines |  | Singapore Airlines |  | | |