
Delta Air Lines to debut its updated 757 transcontinental fleet

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Delta Air Lines will debut three updated 757 aircraft on the transcontinental route between New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport beginning in July. These will be the first 757 aircraft in service to include full flat-bed seats in BusinessElite on transcontinental flights between New York-JFK and Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. All transcontinental flights on these routes will feature flat-bed seats by summer 2015.

The aircraft will include 16 full flat-bed seats arranged in a 2-2 configuration in the BusinessElite cabin. Each seat is 20 inches wide – expandable up to 22 inches – with an average bed length of 76 inches. Cabin mood lighting and high definition 16-inch video monitor at each seat will further improve the inflight experience.

"Delta customers traveling from New York and Los Angeles continue to tell us that the comfort of full flat-bed seats is a meaningful element of their travel experience," said Tim Mapes, senior vice president-Marketing. "This expansion demonstrates our commitment to listening to what customers value most and then acting quickly to provide it."

Delta has been enhancing the transcontinental experience with the addition of products such as complimentary Starbucks coffee and headsets for all passengers. The entire transcontinental fleet will feature inflight Wi-Fi and all upgraded aircraft will offer an entertainment library of more than 1,000 on-demand options. Additionally, the 757 fleet will feature 18 channels of live satellite TV.

Customers will enjoy a gourmet three-course menu from chef Michael Chiarello paired with wine from Master Sommelier Andrea Robinson's specially curated Delta Winemaker Series, Westin Heavenly In-Flight bedding, a Tumi amenity kit featuring skincare products from Malin+Goetz, a noise-reduction headset, Starbucks coffee and sparkling wine round out the BusinessElite experience.

Modifications to Delta's 757 transcontinental fleet will also include changes to the economy cabin, with the addition of Economy Comfort seats. The 44 extra-legroom seats offer 35 inches of pitch and 50 percent more recline in a 3-by-3 configuration in addition to 108 standard economy seats. All seats in the economy cabin will feature a slim-line design for more personal space, an adjustable headrest, a nine-inch video monitor and standard 110v and USB power ports available at every seat.

The addition of flat-bed seats to the 757 transcontinental fleet will complement Delta's existing Boeing 767 transcontinental flights which already feature flat-bed seats for a total of eight daily flights on the route.