

SQ expands US flight schedule

[Singapore Airlines](#) last week announced a significant increase its existing U.S. flight schedule, with daily departures from Los Angeles International Airport, San Francisco International Airport, and John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in New York.

The carrier's daily, USA-Singapore flights will commence January 18.

"We are seeing some promising signs for recovery in international air travel, particularly with the start of the vaccine inoculation program," said Joey Seow, Regional Vice President – Americas, in last week's announcement. "Our commitment to the U.S. market remains strong, and we will continue to invest in building our schedule and network to accommodate a longer-term return to travel as market conditions improve."

Singapore Airlines will operate A350-900 Ultra Long-Range aircraft on routes from JFK and San Francisco, in a two-class configuration with 67 Business Class and 94 Premium Economy seats. Three-cabin A350-900 LH aircraft will continue to be operated from Los Angeles, with 42 Business Class, 24 Premium Economy Class and 187 Economy Class passengers. All SIA aircraft are equipped with the HEPA airflow management systems eliminating up to 99.97 percent of bacteria, viruses and particulate matter from cabin air, which is replaced every 2-3 minutes.

The carrier expects significant cargo traffic on each of the expanded services, primarily serving time-sensitive, high-value freight sectors such as pharmaceuticals, technology and fresh produce, among others.