
United's new "p.s." intercon cabin layout flights take off today

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United Airlines flight 651, first flight with the completely new "p.s." cabin layout, departed Los Angeles International Airport this morning to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

United operates flights between New York Kennedy to Los Angeles, with 40 flights each way per week, and San Francisco, with 46 flights each way per week.

The refreshed interior has 28 flat-bed premium-cabin seats, replacing the 12 angled lie-flat and 26 reclining seats in the premium cabins on the traditional p.s. fleet. The new configuration also features 48 Economy Plus seats and 66 seats in United Economy.

"As the airline with the most flights from the New York region, Los Angeles and San Francisco, we are committed to giving our customers convenient travel options and the premium service they expect from the world's leading airline," said Jim Compton, Vice Chairman and Chief Revenue officer at United.

Inflight entertainment features allow passengers to have access to personal on-demand IFE with a newly designed interactive touchscreen and more than 150 hours of programming. Individual monitors are 15.4" in the premium cabin and 9" in United Economy. Passengers throughout the aircraft can pick Gogo® inflight Internet service. The aircraft is equipped with power outlets and USB ports in every seat.

United gives premium-cabin customers several dining options and wine selections recommended by Doug Frost, United's Master Sommelier and Master of Wine.

Passengers in the premium cabin and premier-level MileagePlus members have access to United Premier Access check-in and priority boarding lanes. Premium-cabin customers also have access to United Club locations at New York Kennedy, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The newly configured p.s. aircraft that United introduced today has an offer a similar to service launched in 2004 and expanded in 2012. Now, the premium cabin, has upgraded inflight entertainment system and Gogo® inflight Internet service. United has spent approximately US\$550 million investment in onboard products.

United anticipates launching more reconfigured aircraft into service in June. Until then, most flights on these routes will offer the traditional p.s. service. United expects to reconfigure the entire p.s. fleet by the end of the year.