

# ANA Launches International-to-International Baggage-through Program at Houston Gateway

**Passengers no longer need to pick up luggage when connecting to/from any United Airlines international flights**

**HOUSTON, July 27, 2015** - On June 12, 2015 ANA, Japan's largest airline, began flying non-stop between Tokyo and Houston, the gateway to Central and South America. On July 22, 2015, ANA became the first foreign carrier granted acceptance into the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's International-to-International Baggage-through Program (I-to-I Program) for connections to and from any United Airlines' international routes at the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston.

The I-to-I Program means greater convenience for ANA passengers transiting through Houston between Central/South America and Japan. For example, a passenger flying United Airlines from Mexico City to Tokyo via Houston can now connect to their ANA flight in Houston without having to re-check their luggage as previously required.

The George Bush Intercontinental Airport is a hub of ANA joint venture partner United Airlines, which has an extensive network of international routes in Central and South America.

ANA will launch the winter flight schedule (beginning October 25, 2015) for Houston that expands the number of Mexican code share routes with United Airlines of which passengers can connect in two hours\* from two cities to seven; they are Mexico City, Leon, Cancun, Aguascalientes, Monterrey, Queretaro and Guadalajara. With the I-to-I Program and the new winter timetable, it will now be possible to connect between ANA and United flights even more smoothly.

\*Exceptions may apply. For more information, please visit the ANA or United websites.

Details concerning the I-to-I Program are as follows:

Applicable Flights	ANA flights 173 and 174 (between George Bush Intercontinental Airport and Narita Airport)  *The same program is already in effect for the George Bush Intercontinental Airport -Narita flights operated by United Airlines
Applicable Passengers	1) Passengers connecting from United Airlines international routes to ANA Flight 173  2) Passengers connecting from ANA Flight 174 to United Airlines international routes

Details of ANA codeshare cities to and from Houston with United Airline are as follows:

Country	United/ANA code share cities
Mexico	Mexico City, Leon, Cancun, Aguascalientes, Monterrey, Queretaro, Guadalajara
Brazil	Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro

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#### **About ANA**

All Nippon Airways (ANA) is the largest airline in Japan by revenues and passenger numbers. Founded in 1952, ANA flies today on 73 international routes and 117 domestic routes. The ANA group has 35,000 employees and a fleet of 245 aircraft. In FY2014, it carried 50.4 million passengers and generated revenues of 1.71 trillion Japanese yen. ANA offers trans-Pacific connections between Asia through the gateway of Japan and 11 North American destinations namely; New York, Washington D.C, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle, Houston, Vancouver, and Honolulu. ANA has been a member of Star Alliance since 1999 and has joint-ventures with United Airlines on trans-Pacific and Asia routes and with Lufthansa, Swiss International Airlines and Austrian Airlines on Japan-Europe routes. Its Frequent Flyer Program, ANA Mileage Club, has more than 26 million members. ANA was voted Airline of the Year for 2013 by Air Transport World Magazine, and in 2015 was awarded five stars for the third consecutive year by the world's leading Airline and Airport review site, SKYTRAX. ANA is the launch customer and biggest operator of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.