

# Southwest Airlines and Icelandair Sign Commercial Agreement

On January 15, Southwest Airlines' Chief Operating Officer, [Andrew Watterson](#), and Executive Vice President and Chief Transformation Officer, [Ryan Green](#), joined Tómas Ingason, Icelandair Chief Commercial Officer, and Helgi Már Björgvinsson, Icelandair Director, Partnerships & Corporate Affairs, at the residence of the Ambassador of Iceland to the United States of America for a ceremonial signing of commercial agreements commencing interline operations between the two carriers beginning in February 2025. This milestone marks the first airline partner agreement signing for Southwest since announcing airline partnerships at [Investor Day in 2024](#).

"It's fitting for us to launch this chapter of industry-standard airline partnerships with our longtime friends, Icelandair," said Green. "Beyond an ability to offer each other's Customers access to new destinations and like-minded travel experiences centered around hospitality and value, we're grateful to have been guided by their expertise and best practices in building our program."

"We are very excited to formalize our partnership with Southwest today and honored to be chosen as Southwest's first airline partner," said Ingason. "The partnership will open new and exciting connections for our customers onwards with Southwest to numerous destinations in North America, and at the same time, their customers will benefit from our extensive connections to Iceland and onwards to Europe. We welcome Southwest to our impressive partnership portfolio in the US and ever-growing group of partner airlines and look forward to working together in offering our customers a smooth and enjoyable travel experience."

Southwest and Icelandair will partner to serve Customers through an interline agreement, with bookings on connecting service between the two carriers available through Icelandair channels. The first opportunity to book and fly on connecting itineraries will be in February 2025 via the first shared North American gateway, Baltimore-Washington. In the future, Southwest will offer booking for interline travel through Southwest.com and other places where Southwest flights are offered.

At the signing ceremony, Watterson and Green announced that two additional North American gateways, Nashville and Denver will begin connecting Customers and their bags between the Southwest and Icelandair networks later this year.

Southwest is investing in technology and processes to offer Customers and Members of Rapid Rewards an industry-standard experience with airline partners and is actively pursuing additional, like-minded partners to provide more options that meet travel needs on both transatlantic and transpacific routes.

Southwest Airlines and Icelandair are grateful to Her Excellency Ambassador Svanhildur Hólm Valsdóttir for her hospitality in hosting this momentous occasion.

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1. Based on U.S. Dept. of Transportation quarterly Airline Origin & Destination Survey as of Q4 2025
2. Fulltime-equivalent active Employees as of March 31, 2026

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