



American Airlines

American Airlines is one of the world's largest airlines with almost 1000 aircrafts and carrying over 80 000 000 passengers and 650 000 tonnes of freight a year.

In 1930 American Airways Inc was formed as an amalgamation of several small pioneering airlines; Colonial, Embry-Riddle, Interstate Air Lines, Southern Air Transport and Universal. This was done in order to restructure the overlapping route networks and make the administration more efficient.

Three years later the first designated aircraft was bought and the name changed to American Airlines. Together with the Douglas Aircraft Company the DC-3 was produced for American as a development of the DC-2. With this aircraft, which American inaugurated with a flight on June 25th 1936 between Chicago and New York, the airline started to make profit and at the end of the 30s AA became the number one domestic air carrier.



The history and workings of American Airlines can be seen at the C.R. Smith Museum. The name of the museum comes from one of Americans first presidents. He led American for 34 years. The museum is one of the few dedicated to commercial aviation. The history, development, job and careers in American Airlines can be explored. It's not a very big museum but well worth the visit if you're interested in civil aviation. It's located just south of DFW - Dallas/Ft Worth airport at 4601 Texas Highway 360 at FAA Road Fort Worth, Texas. Check out the details under the heading Corporate at www.aa.com

American Airlines numbers

- Number of Aircrafts (incl American Eagle): 916
- McDonnell Douglas DC-10 - 21, McDonnell Douglas MD-11 - 14, McDonnell Douglas MD-80 - 260, Boeing 767 - 75, Boeing 757 - 102, Boeing 727 - 81, Airbus 300 - 35, Fokker 100 - 75, Aérospatiale/Alenia ATR 42 - 56, Aérospatiale/Alenia ATR 72 - 33, Shorts 360 - 16, Jetstream 32 - 31 and SAAB 340B - 117
- Busiest route (passengers carried): Los Angeles - Dallas/Ft Worth - 6,300 daily average pax
- Total cities served: 640
- Total daily departures: 3,700



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