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Denver International Airport Celebrates 20th Anniversary of British Airways Service to London

DENVER – September 5, 2018 – Today Denver International Airport (DEN) celebrated 20 years of nonstop service by British Airways to London. British Airways has carried more than 3.3 million passengers on more than 14,000 flights between Denver and London over the past two decades.

“This milestone is especially meaningful to us because it represents the spark that showed Denver was a proven market for international service for our residents and visitors alike,” Mayor Michael B. Hancock said. “I want to recognize British Airways for not only showing confidence in Denver by selecting us for new service in 1998, but also their lasting commitment over the past twenty years to sustain this critical transatlantic connection.”

Flights were inaugurated on Sept. 1, 1998, to London’s Gatwick Airport. Service was moved to London’s Heathrow Airport in October 2002 and has operated between Denver and Heathrow continuously since that time. British Airways has provided nonstop transatlantic service from Denver longer than any other airline in Denver aviation history.

“We are delighted to be celebrating this special anniversary in Denver,” said Simon Brooks, British Airways’ Senior Vice President of Sales, North America. “British Airways has been flying this route for twenty years now and we thank the city, the airport and all our customers who travel to London and beyond for their support and we look forward to welcoming everyone again on board.”

Today British Airways operates daily flights between Denver and London using a 337-seat Boeing 747-400 aircraft. London ranks as Denver’s largest long-haul international market, with more than 500 people a day traveling between the two cities. British Airways is the top carrier for travelers between Denver and London, capturing more than one-third of the passenger demand. Travelers also use the British Airways hub in London to connect to destinations around the world, including across Europe, Africa and India.

“Twenty years of international service is a tremendous commitment and accomplishment, especially given the dynamics of the global economy and aviation industry during the past two decades,” said DEN CEO Kim Day. “British Airways has been a wonderful partner and we look forward to many more years of successful service.”

According to an analysis commissioned by DEN, the 20 years of British Airways Denver-London service has generated an estimated impact of more than \$2.5 billion to Colorado’s economy over the past two decades. In addition, the flight has led to the creation of more than 20,000 jobs across the state.

[Click here](#) for photos from the anniversary celebration.

Denver International Airport is the fifth-busiest airport in the United States. With more than 61 million passengers traveling through the airport each year, DEN is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world’s largest aviation market. DEN is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$26 billion for the region annually. For more information, check us out on, [Pinterest](#), and [Instagram](#), like us on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#).

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