

United Cargo

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On the eve of The International Air Cargo Forum (TIACA) in Atlanta, United received the first North American 787 Dreamliner last Friday. Four more of its firm-order fifty 787s, will arrive by the end of the year. The carrier has worn out the phrase: 'game-changer' to describe the unrivaled range, passenger experience and fuel efficiency of the new aircraft.

United announced that Amsterdam, Tokyo, Lagos, London and Shanghai are the first international cities to be served with the ground-breaking North American deliveries of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. United loaded the 787 into its schedule for the following routes:

- IAH to AMS (Amsterdam) between Dec. 4 and March 29, 2013
- Daily service between LAX and NRT, beginning Jan. 3, 2013
- IAH to LOS (Lagos, Nigeria), five days a week, beginning Jan. 7, 2013
- IAH to LHR (London Heathrow) between Feb. 4 and March 29, 2013
- Daily service between LAX and PVG (Shanghai), beginning March 30, 2013

The 787 will replace other aircraft types on these existing routes.

The previously announced new service between DEN and NRT, which starts March 31, 2013, is already out for sale.

“Those markets demonstrate the unique size and range opportunities of the Dreamliner, because nobody else serves markets such as Denver-Tokyo. It is the ideal aircraft for long-range routes with lower demand.”

Said Robbie Anderson, President United Cargo.

“For example, the United 767 fleet does not have the range to serve markets in India and the South Pacific. The 787 will allow us to right-size the capacity in the softer demand periods and provide consistent year-round wide body capacity. We are very excited to be the launch customer for the 787 in North America”, he added.

Asian operators of the 787 have reported solid cargo payloads of 10 to 15 tons per flight. Another important benefit is that the 787 offers the same cargo container configuration and accepts the same containers as the 777. This will facilitate seamless load planning for shippers.

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