

= JAL Express =

JAL Express Co., Ltd. ( JEX ) ( ??????? ?????? , Kabushiki @-@ gaisha Jaru Ekusupuresu ) , was an airline with its headquarters at Tokyo International Airport and in Ota @-@ ku , Tokyo , Japan , and its main hub at Tokyo International Airport . The airline also maintained offices in the Japan Airlines Building in Shinagawa , Tokyo . Its operations included scheduled and non @-@ scheduled passenger services to eight regional destinations across Japan . In addition , the airline operated additional 15 destinations in Japan and two destinations in the People 's Republic of China on behalf of Japan Airlines , under a wet @-@ lease agreement .

JAL Express was a wholly owned subsidiary of Japan 's flag carrier , Japan Airlines and an affiliate member of the Oneworld alliance . The airline was founded on April 1 , 1997 , and began operations with a Boeing 737 @-@ 400 on July 1 , 1998 . It celebrated its tenth anniversary of establishment and first flight in April 2007 and July 2008 , respectively . The airline operated its first international flight in May 2009 and now flies to Hangzhou and Shanghai . In the fiscal year ended March 31 , 1999 , JAL Express , together with its sister airlines within the JAL Group , carried over 32 million passengers and over 1 @.@ 1 million tons of cargo and mail .

The carrier ended operations on 30 September 2014 after being fully integrated with Japan Airlines

= = History = =

JAL Express ( JEX ) was established on April 1 , 1997 , as a wholly owned domestic subsidiary airline of Japan Airlines ( JAL ) , with an initial capital of ¥ 5 @.@ 8 million . The airline operates scheduled passenger services to regional domestic destinations in Japan , as well as some low @-@ demand flights for JAL under wet @-@ lease agreement . It was anticipated that the airline may enter services on the domestic trunk and short @-@ haul international routes . On July 1 , 1998 , JAL Express commenced operations from Osaka to Miyazaki and Kagoshima with two Boeing 737 @-@ 400s , non @-@ Japanese cockpit crew , and short @-@ term contracted cabin attendants . The airline 's cabin attendants are called Sky Cast , their duties include cleaning the 150 @-@ seat cabin between flights .

The airline celebrated its one millionth passenger in June 2000 and commenced wet @-@ lease operation for its parent JAL in December 2000 . On 14 November 2002 , JAL introduced a new aircraft livery design - " The Arc of the Sun " - across all JAL Group fleet . A reception to celebrate the completion of the first painted aircraft with the JAL Group new design was held at the JAS M2 hangar . In April 2005 , McDonnell Douglas MD @-@ 81 was introduced to the airline fleet , the aircraft has an all Economy Class configuration with 163 seats . JAL Express became an affiliate member of Oneworld on April 1 , 2007 , together with four of its sister airlines , in the alliance 's biggest expansion in its young history . On the same day , the airline celebrated its tenth anniversary of establishment .

JAL Express welcomed the arrival of the new Boeing 737 @-@ 800 to its fleet in January 2008 and celebrated the tenth anniversary of its first flight in July 2008 . The airline operated its first international flight in May 2009 under a wet @-@ lease agreement with JAL . It now flies to Hangzhou and Shanghai from Osaka ( Kansai ) ; and Hangzhou from Tokyo ( Narita ) .

JAL Express pilot Ari Fuji became on July 9 , 2010 , the first female airline flight captain .

Since March 27 , 2011 , all of JAL Express flights were operated as JAL flights , with full merger of the two carriers by September 2014 .

= = Destinations = =

JAL Express operated to the following destinations ( as of September 2014 ) :

Japan

Amami ?shima ? Amami Airport

Iwate @-@ Hanamaki ? Hanamaki Airport

Kagoshima ? Kagoshima Airport  
Kumamoto ? Kumamoto Airport  
Miyazaki ? Miyazaki Airport  
Nagoya ? Chubu Centrair International Airport ( Focus city )  
Osaka ? Osaka International Airport ( Base )  
Sendai ? Sendai Airport

== Wet @-@ lease agreement ==

In addition to the normal scheduled passenger services , JAL Express also operated to the following destinations on behalf of Japan Airlines , under a wet @-@ lease agreement .

China  
Hangzhou - Xiaoshan International Airport  
Shanghai - Pudong International Airport  
Japan  
Akita ? Akita Airport  
Amami ?shima ? Amami Airport  
Fukuoka ? Fukuoka Airport  
Hiroshima ? Hiroshima Airport  
Iwate @-@ Hanamaki ? Hanamaki Airport  
Izumo , Shimane ? Izumo Airport  
Kagoshima ? Kagoshima Airport  
Kitakyushu ? Kokura Airport  
Kobe ? Kobe Airport  
Kochi ? Kochi Ryoma Airport  
Kumamoto ? Kumamoto Airport  
Matsuyama ? Matsuyama Airport  
Memambetsu ? Memambetsu Airport  
Miyazaki ? Miyazaki Airport  
Nagoya ? Chubu Centrair International Airport  
Niigata ? Niigata Airport  
Okayama ? Okayama Airport  
Okinawa ? Naha Airport  
Osaka  
Kansai International Airport  
Osaka International Airport  
Tokushima ? Tokushima Airport  
Sapporo ? New Chitose Airport  
Sendai ? Sendai Airport  
Tokyo  
Narita International Airport  
Tokyo International Airport  
Yamaguchiube ? Yamaguchi Ube Airport

== Terminated destinations ==

JAL Express served Hakodate and Ito in Japan

== Fleet ==

As of September 2013 , JAL Express operates 42 narrow @-@ body aircraft , with either two classes of service ( class J and Economy class ) or single class of service ( Economy Class ) . The average fleet age is 3 @.@ 8 years

= = Services = =

= = = In @-@ flight catering = = =

Cold beverages ( including Hajime Saori cooled @-@ green tea , JAL Original citrus drink Sky Time and apple juice ) , hot beverages ( including tea , green tea , coffee and consommé soup ) , JAL Original candy , and sugar candy are available on board . Passengers traveling in class J could enjoy JAL class J in @-@ flight catering services . Since March 27 , 2011 , Passengers traveling in all classes can enjoy in @-@ flight catering services on all of flights .

= = = In @-@ flight entertainment = = =

JAL Group 's in @-@ flight magazine Skyward , JAL Express in @-@ flight magazine JEX Letter and in @-@ flight shopping magazine JALSHOP are available on board . There was no newspaper or audio and video programs available on JEX flights . Passengers traveling in class J could enjoy JAL class J in @-@ flight entertainment services , where available . Since March 27 , 2011 , Passengers traveling in all classes can enjoy in @-@ flight entertainment services on all of flights .

= = JAL Mileage Bank = =

JAL Mileage Bank ( JMB ) is the travel rewards program of JAL Group , including Japan Airlines , JALways , JAL Express , Japan Transocean Air , Japan Air Commuter , Hokkaido Air System , and Ryukyu Air Commuter . The program 's airline partners also include JAL 's Oneworld partners , as well as Air France , China Eastern Airlines and Emirates . For the airline 's most frequent flyers , JMB offers Fly On Program , a frequent flyer service status program ; and JAL Global Club ( JGC ) , an exclusive club designed for experienced travelers .

The JMB program has no membership fee , and mileage will be valid to the last day of the 36th month following the month of the flight or transaction date . In addition , if a JMB member does not accumulate mileage within 36 months after becoming a member , or a JMB member 's account remains inactive at zero mileage for a consecutive 36 @-@ month period , JAL may withdraw or cancel the membership of such member .

= = = JMB Fly On Program = = =

The Fly On Program is the frequent flyer service status program and is divided into four membership levels , Crystal , Sapphire , JGC Premier and Diamond , based on the member 's travel in the last calendar year . Additionally , a minimum of four JAL Group flights on eligible fare classes are required . Members earn Fly On points on eligible fare classes on JAL Group and Oneworld member airlines . These are used to calculate the member 's eligibility for membership renewal , upgrade or downgrade during the membership year . Higher @-@ tiered members are provided with increased travel benefits such as bonus mileage , additional baggage allowance , priority boarding and airport lounge access . There are two phases to the Fly On Program service benefits ; one begins after two months following qualification for membership and the other begins from April of the following year . Membership is valid until 31 March of the second year following membership qualification .

= = = = Crystal = = = =

Crystal level is achieved or retained when the member earns 30 @,@ 000 Fly On Points or boarding more than 30 flights and minimum of 10 @,@ 000 Fly On Points . Services and benefits after two months of membership qualification include priority waitlisting , 50 percent bonus mileage ,

airport lounge access for Japan domestic flights with lounge coupons via mileage deduction , priority check @-@ in at Executive Class counters for international flights , JGC counters and priority baggage for class J on JAL Group domestic flights , 10 kg ( 22 lb ) or one piece of extra baggage allowance , priority boarding on international flights , priority airport standby and class J upgrade with class J coupon via mileage deduction . Services and benefits from April of the following year include 10 upgrade points for complimentary flight upgrades . JMB Crystal membership level is equivalent to Oneworld Sapphire tier status , which entitles members to Oneworld Ruby benefits when travelling on a Oneworld member airline .

===== Sapphire =====

Sapphire level is achieved or retained when the member earns 50 @,@ 000 Fly On Points or boarding more than 50 flights and minimum of 15 @,@ 000 Fly On Points . Additional services and benefits for Sapphire members after two months of membership qualification include 100 percent bonus mileage , JAL or Sakura Lounge access with one guest when flying on JAL Group airline flights . Priority check @-@ in at First Class counters for international flights and JGC counters for Japan domestic flights , priority baggage , 20 kg ( 44 lb ) or two pieces of extra baggage allowance and access to JAL Fast Security Lane . Additional services and benefits for Sapphire members from April of the following year include 20 upgrade points for complimentary flight upgrades . JMB Sapphire members will be invited to join the JGC , which is dedicated to cater for experienced travelers . JMB Sapphire membership level is equivalent to Oneworld Sapphire tier status , which entitles members to Oneworld Sapphire benefits when travelling on a Oneworld member airline .

===== JGC Premier =====

JGC Premier is achieved or retained when the member earns 80 @,@ 000 Fly On Points or boarding more than 80 flights and minimum of 25 @,@ 000 Fly On Points . Additional services and benefits for JGC Premier members after two months of membership qualification include mileage expiry suspension during membership period , First Class and Diamond / Premier Lounge access with one guest when flying on JAL Group airline flights , and priority check @-@ in at First Class counters and priority boarding for both international and domestic flights . Additional services and benefits for JGC Premier members from April of the following year include three complimentary transferable JAL and Sakura Lounge coupons , 30 upgrade points for complimentary flight upgrades , one complimentary JAL Hotels one night stay coupon , five complementary passes to the Century 21 Club and one flower gift coupon . JGC Premier membership level is equivalent to Oneworld Emerald tier status , which entitles members to Oneworld Emerald benefits when travelling on a Oneworld member airline .

===== Diamond =====

The highest membership level in the Fly On Program of the JAL Mileage Bank . Diamond level is achieved or retained when the member earns 100 @,@ 000 Fly On Points or boarding more than 120 flights and minimum of 35 @,@ 000 Fly On Points . Additional services and benefits for Diamond members after two months of membership qualification include 125 percent bonus mileage and any seat award tickets with double mileage deduction . Additional services and benefits for Diamond members from April of the following year include 40 upgrade points for complimentary flight upgrades , two complimentary JAL Hotels one night stay coupons and Century 21 Club membership . JMB Diamond membership level is equivalent to Oneworld Emerald tier status , which entitles members to Oneworld Emerald benefits when travelling on a Oneworld member airline .

===== JAL Global Club =====

The JAL Global Club is an exclusive club dedicated to catering to JAL Group 's most experienced

and valuable travelers . Membership is available to JMB members who have earned 50 @,@ 000 Fly On Points or boarding more than 50 flights and minimum of 15 @,@ 000 Fly On Points . In addition , membership can be enrolled under JALCARD Club @-@ A , Club @-@ A Gold or JAL 's Diners Club membership after payment of an annual fee . Lifetime membership will be given as long as a one @-@ time qualifying member continues to pay the JALCARD annual fee . The Oneworld tier status as a JGC member will depend on the JMB Fly On program membership levels , with the following exception : JGC members will automatically attain Oneworld Sapphire status upon enrollment , regardless of the number of FLY ON Points accumulated in the previous calendar year .

JGC benefits include 3 @,@ 000 bonus miles for the first JAL Group eligible flight flown every year , JAL or Sakura Lounge access with one guest , priority baggage , 20 kg ( 44 lb ) or two pieces of extra baggage allowance , priority check @-@ in , personalized leather baggage tags , annual gifts of a calendar and a diary and exclusive use of member lounges at designated hotels . In addition , JALCARD Club @-@ A , Club @-@ A Gold and JAL Diners Club holders receive 35 percent JALCARD flight bonus mileage .