

= J @-@ Air =

J @-@ Air Co. , Ltd . (????????? , Kabushiki @-@ gaisha Jei Ea) , is a regional commuter airline with its headquarters in the Terminal Building in Nagoya Airfield and in Toyoyama , Nishikasugai District , Aichi , Japan and its main hub at Nagoya Airfield . J @-@ Air previously had its headquarters in ?mura , Nagasaki Prefecture . Its operations include scheduled passenger services to 16 destinations across regional Japan , under Japan Airlines ' flight numbers . The airline has a fleet 19 aircraft , consisting of Bombardier CRJ @-@ 200s and Embraer 170s .

J @-@ Air is a wholly owned subsidiary of Japan 's flag carrier , Japan Airlines (JAL) and an affiliate member of the Oneworld alliance . The airline was founded on August 8 , 1996 , when JAL restructured JAL Flight Academy and J @-@ Air was separated ; and began operations as a separate entity from Hiroshima @-@ Nishi Airport on November 1 . Faced with limited opportunities for route expansion at Hiroshima , the airline relocated to its new home at Nagoya Airfield , after the opening of Ch?bu Centrair International Airport , on February 17 , 2005 . In the fiscal year ended March 31 , 1999 , J @-@ Air , together with its sister airlines within the JAL Group , carried over 32 million passengers and over 1 @. @ 1 million tons of cargo and mail .

J @-@ Air has been reported by Japanese newspapers and television to be leaving Nagoya Airfield in a phased transition with many flights leaving October 2010 and all flight leaving from the Spring of 2011 .

= = History = =

JAL Flight Academy (JFA) was established by Japan Airlines (JAL) in August 1989 , as a flight training school subsidiary based at Omura Airport , Nagasaki . It provided conversion training for its flight engineers to become pilots . In April 1991 , a new division of JFA was created to operate scheduled services to succeed the troubled Nishi Seto Airlink services , a commuter airline serving cities in western Japan . Since the introduction of the 19 @-@ seats Jetstream 31s (JS31) in September 1991 , the aircraft progressively replaced the Embraer EMB 110 Bandeirante inherited from Nishi Seto .

In August 1996 , JAL Flight Academy was restructured , J @-@ Air was separated and established as a wholly owned regional subsidiary airline of Japan Airlines on August 8 . On November 1 , the airline inaugurated its first flight from Hiroshima @-@ Nishi Airport and was building up service on smaller @-@ demand domestic routes , which larger aircraft could not serve economically . However , the local government subsidy was terminated at the end of the 2000 fiscal year and the airline was required to become self @-@ sufficient . As part of its domestic marketing strategy , JAL found a niche market where the 100 @-@ plus @-@ seats Boeing 737s were too large and frequent services were in demand , and began repositioning the airline . Fifty @-@ seats Bombardier CRJ @-@ 200s were introduced and progressively replaced the five JS31s until completion in August 2003 .

Despite the introduction of the Bombardier CRJ @-@ 200s , there were limited opportunities for route expansion from its home at Hiroshima @-@ Nishi Airport . The airline decided to move to Nagoya Airfield , after the opening of Ch?bu Centrair International Airport . On February 17 , 2005 , J @-@ Air realized its dream and relocated to its new home at Nagoya Airfield . In order to strengthen the recognition of the JAL brand and improve customer convenience , the airline disposed its own flight numbers and changed to JAL flight numbers from April 1 , 2005 .

On April 1 , 2007 , J @-@ Air , together with four of its sister airlines within the JAL Group , joined Oneworld and became a Oneworld affiliate member . On June 18 , JAL signed a purchase agreement with Embraer for ten Embraer 170 jets , with options to acquire another five aircraft . The contract value was worth approximately US \$ 435 million , if all the options are exercised . The aircraft was configured to seat 76 passengers in a single @-@ class layout and was designated for J @-@ Air . The first aircraft was delivered on October 3 , 2008 , received the type certification from the Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB) on October 27 and operated its first flight in February 2009 .

= = Destinations = =

J @-@ Air operates to the following destinations (as of January 2013) :

Japan

Akita ? Akita Airport

Aomori - Aomori Airport

Fukuoka ? Fukuoka Airport Focus city

Iwate @-@ Hanamaki ? Hanamaki Airport

Kitaky?sh? - Kitakyushu Airport

K?chi ? K?chi Ry?ma Airport

Kumamoto ? Kumamoto Airport

Kunisaki - Oita Airport

Miyazaki - Miyazaki Airport

Nagazaki ? Nagasaki Airport

Osaka

Kansai International Airport

Osaka International Airport Hub

Nanki Shirahama - Nanki @-@ Shirahama Airport

Nagasaki - Nagasaki Airport

Niigata ? Niigata Airport

?zora - Memanbetsu Airport

Sapporo ? New Chitose Airport Hub

Sendai ? Sendai Airport

Tokachi @-@ Obihiro ? Tokachi @-@ Obihiro Airport

Tokyo - Haneda Airport Focus city

Yamagata - Yamagata Airport

Tokushima - Tokushima Airport

= = Terminated destinations = = =

Japan ? Fukushima , Hiroshima , Izumo , Kagoshima , Komatsu , Miyazaki , ?ita , Shizuoka , Tottori

= = Fleet = =

The J @-@ Air fleet consists of the following aircraft (as of August 2014) :

= = = Fleet history = = =

Aircraft that have been in service with J @-@ Air are (in alphabetical order) :

Embraer EMB 110 Bandeirante

Jetstream 31

= = 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 .