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## Japan Airlines Resumes Nonstop Flights to Tokyo from San Diego International Airport

**SAN DIEGO** – March 3, 2021 – Today, [Japan Airlines \(JL\)](#) resumed nonstop flights between Tokyo, Japan via Narita International Airport (NRT) and [San Diego International Airport](#) (SAN). American Airlines (AA) will codeshare on this service resumption. The service will initially operate three times a week with the following schedule:

| Effective Date | Route             | Flight Number   | Operating Days              |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| March 2, 2021  | Tokyo → San Diego | JL-66 / AA-8480 | Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday |
| March 3, 2021  | San Diego → Tokyo | JL-65 / AA-8479 | Wednesday, Friday, Sunday   |

“The resumption of service to Tokyo is an important step in our recovery process,” said Kimberly Becker, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority President and CEO. “With many economic and defense ties between our two cities, this route will foster continued business interactions. We welcome Japan Airlines back to San Diego International Airport.”

The resumption comes after Japan Airlines suspended service in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pre-COVID-19, the airline offered daily nonstop flights which were immensely popular.

Effective January 26, 2021, air passengers flying into the United States from another country are required to get a [viral test](#) within the three days before their flight to the U.S. departs, and provide written documentation of their laboratory test result to the airline or provide documentation of having recovered from COVID-19. Airlines must confirm the negative test result for all passengers or documentation of recovery before they board. If a passenger does not provide documentation of a negative test or recovery or chooses not to take a test, the airline must deny boarding to the passenger. For more information, click [here](#).

SAN has achieved [Airports Council International's](#) (ACI) [Airport Health Accreditation](#) for its “Let’s Go Safely” program which prioritizes the health and safety of passengers, employees, and the community through several modifications and improvements at the airport. Health and safety modifications that have been implemented throughout the terminals, Rental Car Center, Parking Plaza, and Airport Authority administration building includes increased cleaning of high touchpoints, electrostatic spraying, signage on preventive health measures, floor decals and seat separation signage to queue six-foot social distance, hand sanitizer stations, Plexiglas sneeze guards in certain public spaces, and face masks are required on all airport property. To learn more about what SAN is doing to ensure the health and safety of its customers, please visit [san.org/gosafely](https://san.org/gosafely).

For tickets, please visit [jal.com/en/](https://jal.com/en/).

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**ABOUT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAN)**

San Diego International Airport (SAN) is the busiest single-runway commercial service airport in the U.S. and the third busiest airport in California. In 2019, SAN welcomed 25-million passengers and offered nonstop flights to destinations worldwide. The airport is an economic driver for the region, contributing nearly \$12 billion in economic activity in 2019 and supports nearly 116,600 jobs. With anticipated passenger growth in the future, the Airport Authority is continuing progress with the New T1 program that will replace Terminal 1 with a larger, more efficient facility and other improvements that enhance the airport experience. The airport is managed and operated by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. For more information, please visit [san.org](https://www.san.org).

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