



**Air France's A380
is coming to Mexico!**

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This winter, Air France is offering six weekly frequencies between Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Mexico.

Since 12 January 2016, there have been three weekly flights operated by Airbus A380, the Company's largest super jumbo (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday).

The three other flights are operated by Boeing 777-300. From 28 March 2016, the A380 will fly between the two cities daily.

On board, customers will have the option of travelling in four flight cabins ensuring optimum comfort – La Première, Business, Premium Economy and Economy.

Airbus A380 Flight Schedule (in local time) throughout the winter 2016 season

- **AF 438:** leaves Paris-Charles de Gaulle at 13:30, arrives in Mexico at 18:40;
- **AF 439:** leaves Mexico at 21:10, arrives at Paris-Charles de Gaulle at 14:25.

Flights operated by A380 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 12 January to 26 March 2016. Daily flights by A380 as from 27 March 2016.



The comfort of an A380

Boarding an Air France Airbus A380 always guarantees an exceptional trip. On board, the 516 passengers travel in perfect comfort in exceptionally spacious cabins. Two hundred and twenty windows fill the aircraft with natural light, and changing background lighting allows passengers to cross time zones fatigue-free. In addition, six bars are located throughout the aircraft, giving passengers the chance to meet up during the flight.

With cabin noise levels five decibels lower than industry standards, the A380 is a particularly quiet aircraft and features the latest entertainment and comfort technology. External images are retransmitted live throughout the flight from three cameras located on the front, underside and rear of the aircraft. Finally, the largest jet in Air France's fleet is the first to include a dedicated space for art and culture.

For the winter 2015-2016 season, Air France's ten Airbus A380s are flying to 8 destinations - Abidjan, Hong Kong, Johannesburg, Los Angeles, Mexico, Miami, New York-JFK and Shanghai.

Air France-KLM, European leader in Mexico and in the region of Central and Southern America and the Caribbean

This winter, the Air France-KLM Group is offering up to 21 weekly flights to Mexico from Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Amsterdam-Schiphol, including seven frequencies operated by Aeroméxico from Paris to the Mexican capital that share codes with Air France.

Moreover, all Air France flights to Mexico also share codes with Aeroméxico, thereby providing passengers with a wide variety of connecting flight options throughout the domestic network of the Mexican airline within the country.

Air France also offers 4 weekly frequencies to Cancun.

The leading airline in Central and South America and the Caribbean in terms of seats, Air France-KLM serves twenty-seven destinations* in the region, and offers over 200 flights a week from Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Amsterdam-Schiphol.

** Aruba, Bogota, Bonaire, Brasilia, Buenos Aires, Cancun, Cali, Caracas, Cayenne, Curaçao, Fort de France, Guayaquil, Havana, Lima, Mexico, Montevideo, Panama, Paramaribo, Pointe à Pitre, Port au Prince, Punta Cana, Quito, Santo Domingo, Saint-Martin, Santiago de Chili, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro.*



A major transatlantic joint venture which also covers flights to Mexico

Air France-KLM is involved in a major transatlantic joint venture alongside Delta Air Lines and Alitalia. The partners share operation of over 250 transatlantic flights operated daily by the four airlines, which also covers flights to Mexico. With a fleet of 129 aircraft, this partnership represents 25% of global transatlantic capacity and will generate an expected 13 billion in annual revenue. It allows customers to benefit from the advantages of a huge network offering more frequent flights, competitive tariffs and standardised services across the Atlantic.

The Air France-KLM Group and Delta serve eighteen destinations in the United States from Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Amsterdam-Schiphol: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York-JFK, New York-Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, Salt Lake City, Seattle, San Francisco and Washington. In addition to these destinations, Delta offers a vast network of connecting flights to 300 North American destinations, including Mexico.

Two European hubs connected to the world

The European hubs at Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Amsterdam-Schiphol are connected daily thanks to 12 flight frequencies. The Air France and KLM network has been fully optimized to offer customers a choice of 316 destinations in 103 countries worldwide.

SkyTeam, the power of a global alliance

Air France-KLM is a member of the SkyTeam alliance which has 20 airline members including Aeromexico, Mexico's national airline. The alliance members provide simplified and harmonized services on an extensive international network. On departure from the most efficient hubs in the world, the SkyTeam member airlines carry 612 million passengers every year on more than 16,320 daily flights to more than 1,050 destinations in 177 countries. During their trip, SkyTeam customers can relax in 623 lounges, while earning and using their Miles. In addition, SkyTeam Elite Plus customers have access to SkyPriority services.



Paris-Mexico, over 60 years of air services

On 27 April 1952, a Constellation linked Paris to Mexico City for the first time. Since then, traffic has skyrocketed between the two capitals, making the service one of the Air France network's key routes.

27 April 1952. At 7:24 p.m. an Air France Lockheed Constellation took off from Paris-Orly for Mexico, more than 9,000 kilometres away. After stops in Gander (Newfoundland, Canada) and New York, the elegant four-engine aircraft, with 34 passengers on board, landed at Mexico Central Airport. The Paris-Mexico City route was officially launched!



*Mexico City airport. Arrival of the first flight from Paris.
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It was also the first direct air service between Europe and Mexico. For Air France, which was successfully implementing its long-haul strategy, Mexico was an ideal addition to its «flagship» route between Paris and New York. Both routes had the best aircraft and the most prestigious services. Like the «Parisian special» the epitome of French elegance: private cabins, refined cuisine and a champagne welcome. Mexico was extremely buoyant and supported by tourism. More and more Europeans were travelling there. Traffic took off; services multiplied between the two capitals, with one then two weekly flights in 1952, seven in 1954.

In 1961, the Boeing 707, capable of carrying 180 passengers, brought the journey time of 24 hours down to 14 hours 20 minutes. The strengthened ties between the two countries, endorsed by visits, on Air France aircraft, by André Malraux (1960) and General de Gaulle (1964), promoted Mexico even further, and it became a key destination on the Air France network. Headlining major advertising campaigns (from the Georges Mathieu series in 1968 to the Air France, *France is in the Air* campaign today), it continued to be served by the flagships of the fleet: the Boeing 747 in 1973, and the Airbus A380 in 2016.

