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Hawaii Welcomes ANA Upgrade of Japan-Honolulu Service with Newer, Larger Aircraft Upsizing to B787 this Spring, Launching A380 Service in 2019

HONOLULU – ANA Group, Japan's largest airline group, is enhancing the quality of its service to Hawaii, both this year and in future years as the airline introduces newer, larger aircraft for its daily nonstop service between Japan and Honolulu.

This spring, with a planned launch date of April 28, ANA will begin offering round-trip flights from Tokyo/Haneda to Honolulu on Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft. The upgrade to the B787 from the B767-300 currently in service will offer customers the newest in in-flight amenities for their travel to Hawaii, while increasing seating capacity by 24 seats per flight to 240 total seats in a two-class cabin.

Then, in 2019, ANA will upgrade and expand its service again to Honolulu with the introduction of its new A380 aircraft the order of which was also announced today. The world's largest passenger aircraft, the double-deck A380 provides ANA with the capability to significantly increase its seat capacity to Honolulu, as the aircraft can seat more than 500 passengers.

Hideki Horiguchi, vice president and general manager of ANA Group's Honolulu Office, said, "Hawaii is an important destination for Japan's travelers to visit and do business. ANA Group is committed to providing our customers with the very best in high-quality aircraft and comfortable service on their travels. We believe our customers flying to Honolulu will be very pleased with the transition to our B787 aircraft this spring and the introduction of our new A380 in three years."

Hawaii Governor David Ige said, "We congratulate ANA on the acquisition of its new A380 aircraft and appreciate the airline's upgrade in service for Japan travelers coming to Hawaii and for the many residents of Hawaii who fly daily to Japan for business and leisure. We welcome the upsizing of ANA's aircraft to the B787 this spring and look forward to celebrating the launch of its new A380 in 2019."

Japan is Hawaii's largest international source market for travelers with nearly 1.5 million visitors coming to the islands in 2015. According to the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA), the new aircraft will enhance Hawaii's appeal to travelers from Japan, giving them more booking options while improving the overall visitor experience.

"We appreciate how ANA Group has incorporated service to Hawaii into its long-range planning, with the introduction of these newer, state-of-the-art aircraft," said George D. Szigeti, HTA president and CEO. "This is great news for ANA's operations and for travelers planning trips to the Hawaiian Islands. It speaks to the confidence that ANA has in Hawaii as a preferred destination for its customers, and how Hawaii is continuing to meet the needs of travelers seeking a memorable stay in our islands."

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About HTA

The [Hawai'i Tourism Authority](#) (HTA) is responsible for strategically managing the State of Hawai'i's marketing initiatives to support tourism. HTA's goal is to optimize tourism's benefits for Hawai'i, while being attentive to the interests of travelers, the community and visitor industry. Established in 1998 to support Hawai'i's leading industry and largest employer, HTA continually strives to help ensure the sustainability of tourism's success.

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