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## **American Airlines Partners with The Landline Company to Launch Innovative Motorcoach Connection Service at Wilmington Airport (ILG)**

**WILMINGTON, Del.** –American Airlines is expanding its network to the Delaware Valley Region by adding luxury motorcoach service connecting Wilmington Airport (ILG) to Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) beginning October 7, 2024.

The premium motorcoach connection will allow passengers to combine the convenience of not having to drive themselves to Philadelphia Airport with the benefits of a flight on American Airline’s global network. Passengers will park at Wilmington Airport, check their luggage to their final destination, and clear TSA security locally at ILG prior to boarding the motorcoach to PHL. During the non-stop journey to Philadelphia, passengers will enjoy top tier amenities before arriving post security at PHL, Terminal F.

Travelers flying into Philadelphia and connecting to Wilmington will be able to board the motorcoach airside without leaving the secure area. Any checked luggage will be transferred automatically to the motorcoach and passengers will pick up their bags upon arrival at Wilmington Airport (ILG).

“The American Airlines/ Landline service allows passengers to travel with peace of mind knowing their connections are protected with American Airlines. Riding with Landline eliminates the hassle of trying to find a ride or driving and parking at PHL,” says Hannah Tamura, Landline spokesperson. “The ability to clear TSA security at ILG instead of waiting in unpredictable security lines at PHL is added benefit.”

“We’re thrilled that the American Airlines’ Landline connection service has been added to the menu of customer offerings at ILG,” said Thomas J. Cook, Executive Director of the Delaware River and Bay Authority. “At Wilmington Airport – ILG, we pride ourselves in offering a fast, affordable, smooth and convenient hometown airport experience for our customers. For those who are looking for quality service without the big city airport hassles associated with parking, check-in, or security screening, I’d encourage you to give the new American Airlines service at ILG a try!”

“The new American Airlines Landline Connection is a welcome addition to the customer choices offered at Wilmington Airport,” said Delaware State Senator Marie Pinkney. “We now have easy, hassle free access to American Airlines global network at Wilmington Airport, including convenient one-stop service to more than 100 destinations around the world via its Philadelphia hub. With its focus on convenience, low cost, and customer service, our hometown Wilmington Airport is on the move!”

The innovative service is launching with 6 round trips a day between Wilmington (ILG) and Philadelphia (PHL). Each Landline motorcoach is handicap accessible and equipped with 35 premium leather seats in a 2x1 configuration offering extended legroom, free Wi-Fi, in-seat power outlets, and an onboard lavatory. Additionally, travelers will receive itinerary protection and earn AAdvantage miles while riding with American.

Here are the highlights:

- American Airlines is launching a new “tarmac-to-tarmac” luxury motorcoach service to its hub in PHL.
- The new service allows passengers to clear security at ILG, board a luxury motorcoach at ILG departure gates, and arrive at a secure gate at PHL’s Terminal F. Customers will then disembark at the gate and proceed to their next gate to continue their connecting flight.
- These luxury motorcoaches feature 35 premium leather seats in a 2 by 1 seating configuration. Passengers will enjoy free WiFi and in-seat power at every seat.”
- Additionally, customers can earn and redeem AAdvantage® miles using these new connecting Landline “flights.”
- Bags are handled as with any flight: passengers check their luggage in with American Airlines agents on arrival at ILG, and the airport’s baggage handling system takes over from there. Check-in also works like any other American Airlines flight.
- American is launching the service with six (6) roundtrips per day, timed to connect with American flights out of PHL.
- To use the service, customers will book their flight through American Airlines’ website or mobile app, entering ILG as origin and selecting the destination (i.e. MIA) as the endpoint, just like a flight itinerary.

Customers looking to book the seamless connection to and from PHL can book the motorcoach at the same time they book their flight on aa.com by searching Wilmington (ILG) to their initial or final destination.

### **About American Airlines Group**

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### **About Landline**

The biggest airlines in the world trust Landline to power their first and last mile connectivity. Landline's industry-first platform allows airlines to leverage the seamlessness and affordability of ground transportation to add dynamic new routes to their network without sacrificing on quality or customer experience. Landline operates seamless multi-modal networks on behalf of Air Canada, United Airlines, American Airlines, and Sun Country Airlines. Landline is fundamentally reshaping the way every consumer thinks about the travel day by making air travel multi-modal.

**About the Delaware River and Bay Authority**

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages two airports in New Jersey (Millville Executive Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (Wilmington Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit [www.drba.net](http://www.drba.net).