

National Airlines and Navitrans in weekly Round-the-World 747-400F Service

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US-based freighter operator National Airlines and charter company Navitrans USA are to launch a weekly scheduled Round-the-World (RTW) B747-400 freighter service, set to begin on June 1.

The RTW service will operate year-round connecting several key global airports: Chicago (ORD), Liege (LGG), Heydar Aliyev International in Azerbaijan (GYD), Hong Kong (HKG), Narita (NRT), Anchorage (ANC) and back to Chicago.

The operation will be in addition to another twice weekly scheduled operation by the carrier exclusively for Navitrans between the US and China.

"We are very pleased and excited to start our co-operation with National and to expand our air charter supply chain," said Chuanning (Martin) Zhu, president of Navitrans USA.

Bill Szymanski, the marketing manager of Navitrans USA, said: "This RTW route will connect five key gateways throughout North America, Europe, Mid-Asia and Far East in around 36 hours. With the dedicated B747-400F aircraft, Navitrans has positioned itself to meet importer's and exporter's needs all over the world."

Navitrans has offices in Shanghai, Beijing, Chengdu, Zhengzhou, Hong Kong, Frankfurt, Moscow, and New York, with a total of more than 100 staff.

Mark Burgess, president of National Airlines, commented: "National's global reach, ability and flexibility enabled us to customise the operation to meet the needs of Navitrans using our scheduled authorities and we are very excited to build on our relationship to launch this new routing."

Rob Hotchkiss, manager of charter sales at National Airlines, said: "Our entire team is very excited about this operation and we very much look forward to operating these scheduled flights for Navitrans along with developing new routes utilising National's authorities."

National Airlines is a US Certified Air Carrier that has specialized in custom transportation needs for companies and governments for over 20 years. With its headquarters based in Orlando, Florida, National Airlines possess World Wide Operating Authority for both passenger and cargo aircraft.

National Airlines routinely flies from the US and Europe to the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Australia, as well as North and South America.