

Guest Guide: Booking Flights to Luanda (NBJ)

Welcome to your travel planning guide for journeys to **Dr. António Agostinho Neto International Airport (NBJ)**, Luanda's new international hub. This document provides clear, guest-friendly information on the best routes, hubs, and airlines to consider when booking flights from the USA.

Key Facts About NBJ

- **Opened:** 2025, replacing Quatro de Fevereiro Airport (LAD)
- **Location:** Bom Jesus, ~40 km southeast of Luanda city center
- **Capacity:** Up to 15 million passengers annually
- **Hub Airline:** TAAG Angola Airlines

Best U.S. Hubs for Connections to NBJ

U.S. Hub Airport	Major Airlines	Typical Connection Hub	Route to NBJ
New York (JFK)	Delta, American, United, TAP, Air France, Lufthansa, Turkish	Paris, Lisbon, Frankfurt, Istanbul	JFK → Europe → NBJ
Washington D.C. (IAD)	United, Ethiopian, Lufthansa, Air France, Turkish	Addis Ababa, Frankfurt, Paris, Istanbul	IAD → Africa/Europe → NBJ
Miami (MIA)	American, TAP, Air France	Lisbon, Paris	MIA → Europe → NBJ
Boston (BOS)	TAP Air Portugal	Lisbon	BOS → LIS → NBJ
Chicago (ORD)	United, Lufthansa, Ethiopian, Turkish	Frankfurt, Addis Ababa, Istanbul	ORD → Europe/Africa → NBJ
Houston (IAH)	United, Lufthansa	Frankfurt	IAH → FRA → NBJ
Atlanta (ATL)	Delta, Air France	Paris	ATL → CDG → NBJ
Los Angeles (LAX)	Delta, Air France, Lufthansa, Turkish	Paris, Frankfurt, Istanbul	LAX → Europe → NBJ

Best International Hubs to Reach Luanda NBJ

Hub City & Airport	Airline(s)	Alliance
Lisbon (LIS)	TAP Air Portugal, TAAG Angola Airlines	Star Alliance / Independent
Paris (CDG)	Air France	SkyTeam
Frankfurt (FRA)	Lufthansa	Star Alliance
Istanbul (IST)	Turkish Airlines	Star Alliance
Addis Ababa (ADD)	Ethiopian Airlines	Star Alliance
Johannesburg (JNB)	South African Airways	Star Alliance

Direct Flight Options from NBJ

NBJ already offers **nonstop service to 26 destinations with 4 airlines**. Key direct routes include:

- **Lisbon (LIS)** – TAP Air Portugal, TAAG Angola Airlines
- **Paris (CDG)** – Air France
- **Frankfurt (FRA)** – Lufthansa
- **Istanbul (IST)** – Turkish Airlines
- **Addis Ababa (ADD)** – Ethiopian Airlines
- **Johannesburg (JNB)** – South African Airways
- **São Paulo (GRU)** – TAAG Angola Airlines

Guest Guide: Booking Flights to Luanda (LAD)

Welcome to your travel planning guide for journeys to **Quatro de Fevereiro Airport (LAD)**, Luanda’s long-standing international hub. This document provides clear, guest-friendly information on the best routes, hubs, and airlines to consider when booking flights from the USA.

Key Facts About LAD

- **Opened:** 1954, serving as Angola’s primary international airport until NBJ’s inauguration in 2025
- **Location:** Just 4 km south of Luanda city center — highly convenient for quick transfers into the capital
- **Capacity:** Historically handled ~3 million passengers annually, with limited expansion capability
- **Hub Airline:** TAAG Angola Airlines

Best U.S. Hubs for Connections to LAD (Luanda, Angola)

U.S. Hub Airport	Major Airlines	Typical Connection Hub	Route to LAD
New York (JFK)	Delta, American, United, TAP, Air France, Lufthansa, Turkish	Paris, Lisbon, Frankfurt, Istanbul	JFK → Europe → LAD
Washington D.C. (IAD)	United, Ethiopian, Lufthansa, Air France, Turkish	Addis Ababa, Frankfurt, Paris, Istanbul	IAD → Africa/Europe → LAD
Miami (MIA)	American, TAP, Air France	Lisbon, Paris	MIA → Europe → LAD
Boston (BOS)	TAP Air Portugal	Lisbon	BOS → LIS → LAD
Chicago (ORD)	United, Lufthansa, Ethiopian, Turkish	Frankfurt, Addis Ababa, Istanbul	ORD → Europe/Africa → LAD
Houston (IAH)	United, Lufthansa	Frankfurt	IAH → FRA → LAD
Atlanta (ATL)	Delta, Air France	Paris	ATL → CDG → LAD
Los Angeles (LAX)	Delta, Air France, Lufthansa, Turkish	Paris, Frankfurt, Istanbul	LAX → Europe → LAD

Best International Hubs to Reach Luanda (LAD)

Hub City & Airport	Airline(s)	Alliance
Lisbon (LIS)	TAP Air Portugal, TAAG Angola Airlines	Star Alliance / Independent
Paris (CDG)	Air France	SkyTeam
Frankfurt (FRA)	Lufthansa	Star Alliance
Istanbul (IST)	Turkish Airlines	Star Alliance
Addis Ababa (ADD)	Ethiopian Airlines	Star Alliance
Johannesburg (JNB)	South African Airways	Star Alliance

According to current schedules (December 2025):

- **Lisbon (LIS → LAD):** TAP Air Portugal and TAAG Angola Airlines operate daily nonstops.
- **Paris (CDG → LAD):** Air France offers direct service.
- **Frankfurt (FRA → LAD):** Lufthansa connects directly.
- **Istanbul (IST → LAD):** Turkish Airlines flies nonstop.
- **Addis Ababa (ADD → LAD):** Ethiopian Airlines provides daily service.
- **Johannesburg (JNB → LAD):** South African Airways connects directly.
- **São Paulo (GRU → LAD):** TAAG Angola Airlines operates nonstop flights.

American Airlines and OneWorld Partner Options:

American Airlines doesn't fly to Angola directly, but **Royal Air Maroc (Casablanca)** and **Qatar Airways (Doha)** are the most reliable Oneworld partner options. Guests can book AA itineraries that connect through these hubs, then continue nonstop into Luanda (LAD/NBJ).

Practical Guest Routing Examples

- **JFK → CMN (Royal Air Maroc) → LAD/NBJ**
- **MIA → MAD (Iberia) → LIS (TAP/TAAG) → LAD/NBJ**
- **DFW → DOH (Qatar Airways) → LAD/NBJ**
- **GRU (São Paulo) → LAD/NBJ (TAAG Angola Airlines)**

American Airlines & Oneworld Partner Options to LAD/NBJ

No direct AA service

- **American Airlines does not fly to Luanda (LAD or NBJ).**
- Guests must connect via Europe, Africa, or South America.

Oneworld partner hubs that connect to Angola

- **Royal Air Maroc (RAM)** – Oneworld member, operates **Casablanca (CMN → LAD/NBJ)** nonstop.
 - U.S. travelers can fly AA to JFK, IAD, or MIA → connect to RAM in Casablanca → Luanda.
- **Iberia (IB)** – while Iberia doesn't fly directly to Angola, guests can connect via Madrid (MAD) to Lisbon (LIS) and onward with TAP or TAAG.
- **British Airways (BA)** – BA historically served Luanda but currently does not operate nonstop. However, BA can connect guests via London (LHR) to partner flights (e.g., Air France, Lufthansa, TAP).
- **Qatar Airways (QR)** – Oneworld member, operates **Doha (DOH → LAD/NBJ)** nonstop.
 - Guests can connect via AA flights to Doha through QR codeshares.