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Virgin Australia and United Airlines have today announced a new partnership that will open hundreds of travel opportunities and many new one-stop connections from Australia to points across the United States, Mexico, the Caribbean and South America.

Commencing in April 2022, the partnership will see Virgin Australia and United Airlines establish codeshare co-operation across the networks of each airline, as well as reciprocal loyalty benefits for Velocity Frequent Flyer and MileagePlus members to earn and redeem when travelling on each other's services worldwide. The sale of codeshare services will also return in time for the partnership launch, which was first paused at the height of the pandemic.

The partnership will significantly improve Virgin Australia's reach into the United States, allowing customers to access United Airlines' vast domestic USA and international network, connecting Virgin Australia's extensive network to United Airlines' two Australian and three United States global gateways.

The partnership will also extend United Airlines large Australian presence with the airline offering more services to Australia than any other U.S. carrier. United Airlines currently operates flights from more than 130 U.S. airports and will continue to provide connections between Melbourne and Sydney and Los Angeles, San Francisco and Houston, creating hundreds of seamless travel opportunities.

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