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## **Mineta San José International Airport Welcomes Back British Airways**

*Nonstop flights connecting Silicon Valley and London resumed June 13*

**San José, Calif.** – A familiar tail returned to the flight line at Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) last night with the resumption of British Airways' daily, nonstop service connecting Silicon Valley and London following a two-year suspension due to COVID-19.

"As the world continues to open up again, we are excited to welcome British Airways back to San José and Silicon Valley," said SJC Director of Aviation John Aitken. "The resumption of nonstop service connecting San José and London's Heathrow Airport represents a significant milestone in our recovery and restores an important link for business and leisure travelers on both sides of the Atlantic."

To mark the flight's return, passengers enjoyed a festive atmosphere that included custom giveaways, balloons and an opportunity to capture a celebratory selfie with a London backdrop.

Marie Hilditch, British Airways' Head of North America sales said, "We can't wait to welcome our customers back on board our San José flights, and we are honored to be playing our part in reuniting families and friends with their loved ones after such a long time apart."

British Airways' flights between SJC and London's Heathrow Airport operate on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of this week, with daily service resuming from this Saturday, June 18. British Airways plans to operate its SJC flights with a combination of Boeing 787-8 and 787-9 aircraft.

London is the top transatlantic market for travel to and from Silicon Valley. From its hub at London-Heathrow, British Airways and its oneworld alliance partners offer Silicon Valley travelers access to destinations across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East, with the convenience of beginning and ending their journey at SJC.

Travelers departing SJC in select British Airways' premium cabins have complimentary access to the [The Club SJC](#), an award-winning lounge offering a host of amenities, which is also available to all passengers with participating credit cards or for a fee. Upon arrival to SJC, British Airways passengers will benefit from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's latest biometric and mobile technology, which makes the process of entering or returning to the United States a breeze.

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British Airways' SJC service returns just as the United States dropped its COVID-19 testing requirement for travelers entering the country. There are currently no government COVID-19 restrictions or special requirements for travel between the United States and the United Kingdom.

### **SJC: Transforming How Silicon Valley Travels**

Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. For more airport information, visit [flysanjose.com](https://flysanjose.com). Connect with SJC on social media at [flysanjose.com/follow](https://flysanjose.com/follow).

### **About British Airways**

As a global airline and the UK's flag carrier, British Airways has been flying its customers to where they need to be for more than 100 years. The airline connects Britain with the world and the world with Britain, operating one of the most extensive international scheduled airline route networks together with its joint business, codeshare and franchise partners. British Airways flies to destinations in more than 65 countries. Its principal place of business is London, with its main home at Heathrow Terminal 5. In 2021, the airline won six Business Traveller Awards including Best Short-Haul Carrier, Best Airport Lounge, Best Frequent Flyer Programme, Best Travel App and Best New Seat. In September 2021, British Airways launched its sustainability programme, BA Better World, committing to put sustainability at the heart of everything it does and with a clear roadmap to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. British Airways is a founding member of the airline alliance oneworld, which serves around 1,000 destinations across the globe. The latest information on the measures British Airways is taking to ensure its customers have a safe experience when travelling can be found on [ba.com](https://ba.com). The British Airways press office can be contacted at [press.office@ba.com](mailto:press.office@ba.com). To book visit [BA.com](https://BA.com) and connect on Facebook [@BritishAirways](https://www.facebook.com/BritishAirways) and Instagram [@british\\_airways](https://www.instagram.com/british_airways).

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