

## The Manifest - August 2023

ESTA Mobile App Launches in 40 Countries and 24 Languages



U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced the launch of a new mobile application. This enables travelers potentially eligible to enter under the Visa Waiver Program to submit ESTA applications easily and quickly from their smartphones, mobile devices or tablets.

Administered by CBP on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) was established under the Visa Waiver Program to strengthen the security of travel to the United States. ESTA is an automated system which determines the eligibility of visitors traveling to the United States and whether such travel poses any law enforcement or security risk. Continue reading <u>here</u>



We are excited to welcome Air France and KLM onboard "Seas The Day"

Thanks for joining us on our journey.

## United extends bag drop shortcut service to Heathrow

United Airlines customers departing London Heathrow can now use the carrier's Bag Drop Shortcut. The service works in conjunction with the United app to allow customers to check in their bag "in a minute or less on average". It was initially trialled at Newark on 2021, and has since



been rolled out at airports across the US, with Heathrow being the first international location to offer the service.

Customers complete check-in on the United app or website, and select the number of bags they are checking in. They then locate the bag drop shortcut location within zone D at Heathrow R2, place their bags on the scale, and tap their phone using the United app. Staff will check the customer's ID, and apply the bag tag.

## Travel news at a glance

- British Airways to launch flights from Heathrow to Belgrade, Cologne, Riga & Turin.
- Emirates to offer premium economy on flights to 13 cities by end of the year.
- Etihad to launch flights to Boston.
- Air India unveils new livery and brand identity.
- Finnair transforms worn-out uniforms into garden furniture.
- KLM to offer more flights from Newcastle to Amsterdam.

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