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JetBlue, Alitalia and Delta Get In On This Week's New Route Fun

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Sometimes it's hard to stay on top of all the new route announcements that come our way, so we've compiled a little bit of a rundown below. As long as you can afford the fares, this should definitely help add to your passport stamp collection.

• **Alitalia:**

We don't usually hear too much about Alitalia, but that's not the case this week as they're busy planning celebrating their latest move. It sounds like the new flights are now up and running, as Alitalia is now flying back and forth **between Rome and Abu Dhabi.**

It's Airbus A330s doing the heavy lifting between the new city pairs, but just watch the schedule as things shift a little bit depending on when you plan to depart. Rome flights head out of town on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The flights out of Abu Dhabi do their thing on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

• **Finnair:**

Thanks to Finnair it's going to be a little bit easier to get to Vietnam, as the carrier is planning to move some people and planes across the globe. Things aren't flying as of yet, but the plan is for Finnair to do the **nonstop thing from Helsinki, Finland all the way over to Hanoi, Vietnam.**

The flights will start on June 14 of next year, and they'll be the only carrier over in Europe to provide a nonstop option directly in and out of Hanoi. This might not be the best option for a long weekend out of Helsinki, but if you're doing an around-the-world itinerary this is probably a pretty good connection option from Europe over to Asia.



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• **JetBlue:**

Another week and another new option from the folks over at JetBlue, as it looks like the carrier is getting ready to start service to and from Philadelphia. The new flights will head back and forth **between Boston and Philadelphia**, as the plan is for five daily options to begin on May 23, 2013.

Clearly they're looking at business travelers here, but leisure travelers can probably appreciate the introductory fares between the two cities—they start at **\$17.76**. JetBlue references that the new flights should satisfy both clam chowder and cheesesteak fans, so we'll leave the food jokes to them and end it here.

• **Virgin America:**

Those looking to get the full Virgin America experience have a new city and airport from which to choose, as it looks like the carrier is on the move once again. This time they're planning to head **to and from Newark-Liberty airport, as it's just another option out of the greater New York City market.**

Tickets are up for sale already, and it looks like the flying fun will begin on April 2. Initial flights are nonstop options out west, as Newark will be connected with both Los Angeles and San Francisco. It'll be three daily nonstop flights in each direction, and if you act quickly you might even be able to snag a **\$149** flight—that's for each direction.

• **Delta:**

Christmas is right around the corner, there's a chill in the air, and that means that it's time to start thinking about heading south for the winter. We're not talking about just heading down to Florida, as we're ready to get a little sun down in the Caribbean. Delta is making it a little bit easier during the winter weather, as they're starting new service and boosting other options out of New York-JFK.

It looks like **Aruba becomes a daily nonstop option as of December 15 along with Montego Bay, but there's also more to be had.** Flights to St. Maarten will happen on a weekly basis starting on December 15, and Punta Cana becomes a daily option beginning on February 14. Delta recommends that you grab your sunscreen and shades, and we couldn't agree more.

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