

"Capital to Capital" - A new direct non-stop flight now connects Berlin with Washington, D.C.

- **United Airlines offers daily direct flights between the two capitals**
- **Delta Airlines has resumed daily flights on their Berlin-New York JFK route**
- **USA was ranked in 2nd place amongst international markets in Q1 2023**

Berlin, 26 May 2023: Two additional non-stop flights now connect Berlin with the USA. They are United Airlines' new daily Washington Dulles-Berlin service whereas Delta Airlines is resuming its daily direct service between New York JFK and Berlin, which the airline last operated in 2019.

Burkhard Kieker, CEO of *visitBerlin*: "The new flight from Washington is especially symbolic. The capital-to-capital connection is important for the close emotional relationship between Berlin and the USA. This direct intercontinental route is a sensible and sustainable alternative to using the traditional transfer airports."

United Airlines' new "Capital to Capital" flight connects BER directly daily with Washington Dulles during the summer timetable that runs from 26 May to 28 October 2023. Delta Airlines now make it a total of three airlines that fly directly to and from New York, alongside United Airlines and Norse Atlantic Airways. Delta also offers the non-stop flight on a daily basis.

The USA is the most important overseas market for Berlin tourism

The importance of the USA as Berlin's most important overseas market became clear back at the start of this year. Around 61,000 guests from the USA travelled to Berlin during the January to March period, spending more than 168,000 nights in the city's hotels. The number of overnight stays rose by 91 per cent as compared to the same period last year and reached around 82 per cent of the pre-crisis level. The US ranked first amongst non-European countries during the first three months of this year. The United States came in second, behind the United Kingdom but ahead of the Netherlands, Italy and Poland in the overall international comparison.

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