

# Alaska Air Group

## NEWS

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### **Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air Showcase Bombardier Q400 Aircraft to Residents in Fairbanks, Kodiak and Anchorage**

ANCHORAGE — In anticipation of flying the Bombardier Q400 on select routes within the state of Alaska, Alaska Airlines executives and employees toured the state to give local residents a preview of the aircraft. Starting in March 2014, Alaska will operate nine daily flights between Anchorage and Fairbanks; eight flights will be operated with the Q400 and one with a Boeing 737. Additionally, the Q400 will replace an Alaska 737 on one of two daily round-trip flights between Anchorage and Kodiak. Initial service to Kodiak will begin March 3 and end April 30, then resume again for seasonal service between October and April.

Alaska Airlines Q400 overview:

- Alaska Airlines' sister company, Horizon Air, has been operating scheduled passenger air service since 1981. It has been part of the Alaska Air Group family since 1986.
- Horizon's efficient Q400 enables Alaska Airlines to increase frequency from seven to nine roundtrips a day for Anchorage-Fairbanks travelers, giving them more flight options between the state's two largest cities.
- With a crew of two pilots and two flight attendants, the Q400 is configured with 76 seats in an all-coach cabin.
- The Q400 is certified to operate in the same cold temperatures as a 737. Horizon's Q400s are also equipped with the Head-up Guidance System and satellite-based navigation technology similar to Alaska's 737s, allowing the same airport access and reliability as the 737.
- The high-speed, twin-engine Q400 turboprop is one of the most technologically advanced regional aircraft in the world. The onboard experience is comparable to

a jet — thanks to special technology that lowers noise and vibration, unobstructed under-seat space, and ample headroom (6 feet, 5 inches). With two-by-two seating, all customers flying on the Q400 will enjoy a window or aisle seat.

- With an average tenure of 15 years, Horizon Air pilots are some of the most experienced regional pilots in the country.
- Horizon Air will have 60 employees (30 flight attendants and 30 pilots) based in Anchorage. These incremental new jobs are in addition to the 1,700 Alaska Airlines employees who live and work throughout the state of Alaska.
- Three Q400s will be dedicated to flying within the state of Alaska.
- With a fleet of 51 aircraft, Horizon Air is the world's largest Q400 operator and the first commercial carrier to fly the aircraft in Alaska.
- Alaska Airlines flies to 19 destinations throughout Alaska, in addition to Anchorage-Dutch Harbor service, which is operated by PenAir.

**Other Q400 statistics:**

- Length: 107 feet, 9 inches — about 12 feet shorter than a 737-400
- Wingspan: 93 feet, 3 inches— 1 foot, 7 inches shorter than a 737-400
- Maximum cruising altitude: 25,000, compared to 37,000 feet for a 737-400
- Typical cruising speed: 414 mph, 88 mph less than the cruising speed of a 737-400

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