

Travel to Australia

According to the Open Skies agreement between the U.S. and Australia, you may fly on any Australian airline but ONLY when:



Travel is NOT funded by U.S. DOD (Department of Defense) or U.S. Military, AND



U.S. government DOES NOT have a published airfare rate for your travel route (City-Pair Agreement)

The GSA's [City Pair Program](#) offers government negotiated fares for flights between certain cities. If a city-pair agreement is in effect, you may not claim an Open Skies exception and must fly on a US flag carrier or US code share carrier.

Check [Airfares City-Pair Search](#) before booking flights to determine if a city-pair agreement is in effect. After entering your departure and arrival cities, the search tool will either display the city pair agreement fares, or will report "There are no awards for the requested city-pair," in which case the Open Skies Exemption can be used.

When both conditions are met, you may travel on any of the following airlines:

- [U.S. flag airlines](#)
- Qantas Airways
- Virgin Australia

Additional Exceptions

Other strictly limited circumstances in which an exception may be allowed include:

- a U.S. flag carrier does not provide service on a particular leg of your trip,
- the use of a U.S. carrier will unreasonably delay your travel time
- you are involuntarily rerouted, or
- medical or safety reasons.