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InfoGrok Transport, a leading [transport news](#) and analysis website is reporting that Continental Airlines and TAP Portugal, a Portuguese airline, both members of Star Alliance, are planning to begin codeshare flights to a wide range of destinations in the Us, Central America, Europe and Africa, effective October 11, 2010.

Continental will place its CO code on seven to 10 weekly flights TAP operates between Continental's hub at New York/Newark Liberty International Airport and Portugal, and on selected TAP-operated flights between Lisbon and the Portuguese destinations of Faro, Madeira and Oporto, as well as the African destinations of Praia, Sal and Sao Tome and cities in Spain, Germany, France and the UK.

Continental will also place its code on TAP operated flights to Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Angola and Mozambique, subject to govt approval.

At the same time, TAP will place its TP code on selected Continental operated flights between New York/Newark Liberty and twenty destinations in the US and Mexico, as well as on Continental's daily transatlantic flights between Lisbon and New York, Newark Liberty.

Jim Compton, executive vice president and chief revenue officer of United Continental Holdings, said: "This codeshare agreement will improve access for Continental customers to several important destinations in Portugal, Europe and Africa, as well as increase their trans-Atlantic travel options. Continental is delighted to partner with TAP and to further capitalize on the tremendous opportunities offered by its Star Alliance membership."

Manoel Torres, member of executive board at TAP, said: "This codeshare with Continental represents yet another step in our efforts to widen the choice of service offered to our customers, through enhanced cooperation with our Star Alliance and codeshare partners.

"Among the additional benefits, TAP passengers will experience the convenience of new options made possible through Continental's wide network and numerous destinations in the US and Central America."

Will the new deal improve access for Continental customers?

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