Open Skies Agreement U.S. & Australia

Travel to Australia

According to the Open Skies agreement between the U.S. and Australia, travelers may fly on any Australian air carrier, but ONLY when the following conditions are met:

1. Travel is NOT funded by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) including the U.S. Military (Army, Navy and Air Force).

2. U.S. government DOES NOT have a published City-Pair agreement in effect for the travel route

- The GSA’s (U.S. General Services Administration) City Pair Program (CPP) http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104512 offers government negotiated reduced fares for flights between certain cities. If a city pair agreement is in effect for your travel route, you may not claim an Open Skies exception and must fly on a US flag air carrier or US code share carrier, unless another FTR exception applies.

- Go to the Airline City Pairs search link: http://cpsearch.fas.gsa.gov/ before booking flights to determine if a city-pair agreement is in effect for your travel route. Enter the traveler’s departure and arrival cities in the search tool and take the appropriate action depending on the following results:

  o If the search tool displays the city pair agreement rates - then the traveler must fly on a U.S. flag air carrier, unless another FTR exception applies.

  o If the search tool displays “awards not found for the given criteria” – then the traveler can fly on the Australian air carrier.

When both of these conditions are met, the traveler may travel on a U.S. flag or Australian air carrier.

A list of the Australian airlines is below:

- Qantas Airways
- Virgin Australia