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Air Astana to Launch Japan's First Nonstop Service[*1] to Kazakhstan on December 1, 2026

Air Astana (IATA code: KC) a leading carrier in Kazakhstan will launch a new Narita–Almaty service on December 1, 2026 (Tuesday). This will be the first scheduled nonstop flight between Japan and Kazakhstan and Narita Airport's second route to Central Asia. The new service will shorten travel time by approximately three hours compared to commonly used connections via East Asia.[*2]

Kazakhstan, located in Central Asia, has a population of over 20 million and is the world's ninth-largest country by area. Almaty, its largest city and economic and cultural hub, offers stunning natural attractions, such as majestic mountains and Big Almaty Lake, as well as historical and cultural landmarks, including Zenkov Cathedral and the Kasteyev Museum of Arts.

Japan and Kazakhstan have strengthened ties in various sectors, including natural resources, energy, and logistics, with Japanese companies expanding their operations in Kazakhstan. The new direct service is expected to boost tourism and business exchanges between the two countries.

In addition to its flights from Tokyo, Air Astana offers an extensive network from Almaty to destinations across Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Europe, providing travelers with more options to reach Kazakhstan and explore the wider region.

We invite you to take advantage of Narita Airport's expanding and increasingly convenient international network.

Source: *1 NAA research, *2 NAA research based on airline ticket booking websites.



<Big Almaty Lake>



<Zenkov Cathedral>

- Launch Date: December 1, 2026 (Tuesday)
- Terminal: Terminal 2
- Aircraft: A321LR / Seat Capacity: 166 seats
- Route: Narita–Almaty
- Operating Days: Tuesdays and Fridays

Flight No.	Departure	Departure time	Arrival	Arrival Time
KC171	Almaty	21:55	**Narita (NRT)**	**9:25 (+1)**
KC172	**Narita (NRT)**	**10:55**	Almaty	16:05



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*All times are local.
*Subject to approval by the relevant authorities.
*Flight schedules and other details are subject to change without prior notice.

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