

# *Prime Air*

## Amazon Air

Amazon Air is a cargo airline established in 2015 to transport packages for Amazon. Originally called **Amazon Prime Air**, the name was changed in 2017 to differentiate the airline from Amazon's drone delivery service. The carrier subcontracts its service to several other airlines including Sun Country and Silver Airways. All aircraft have the title **Prime Air**. Amazon Air established its main hub at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in 2017 and a secondary regional hub at the Alliance airport in Fort Worth, Texas in 2019. The company began service to Albuquerque on November 9, 2021, first contracting with Silver Airways on a daily flight from Fort Worth and one year later changing to a Sun Country flight from Cincinnati. Both operations are further evaluated below.



Amazon Air Boeing 767-300 operated by Air Transport International at Albuquerque in 2023. All aircraft are painted in a Prime Air livery.



## Silver Airways/Amazon Air

Silver Airways began contract flying for Amazon Air on November 9, 2021 flying from Albuquerque to Amazon's hub at the Fort Worth Alliance Airport in Fort Worth, Texas. Silver uses ATR-72-500 aircraft configured for airfreight operations and marked with Amazon's "Prime Air" logo. The once per day flight operated daily, arriving ABQ from Fort Worth Alliance Airport (AFW) at about 100am and departing back to AFW at 400am.

Silver was founded on 2011 and is based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The carrier has provided commuter and regional airline services throughout Florida and the South. The Prime Air operation was Silver's first at providing airfreight services but was shut down in 2023.

The Silver Airways contract for Amazon service to Albuquerque ended after one year on October 31, 2022 and was replaced by Sun Country Airlines.



Silver Airways ATR-72 at Albuquerque operating on behalf of Amazon Air.



## Sun Country/Amazon Air

Sun Country Airlines began a single daily flight through Albuquerque as Amazon Air on November 3, 2022. The flight operates on a Cincinnati – Albuquerque – San Bernardino, California – Minneapolis - Cincinnati routing using a Boeing 737-800 aircraft. Sun Country's new service coincided with the opening of a new Amazon air cargo transportation hub facility at the Albuquerque Sunport the same day. A second daily flight began on January 18, 2024 on a Fort Worth Alliance to Albuquerque round trip routing also using a 737-800.



Sun Country Boeing 737-800 at Albuquerque operating on behalf of Amazon Air.