

Lockheed L-1011-100 TriStar “Elle” (pronounced “L”) – Star of Kansas City

- Delivered to TWA in April 1974, flew with TWA 23 years
- N700TS c/n 193-B-1066
- In storage in Roswell, New Mexico from 2006 to January 30, 2010
- Current paint scheme is last airline it flew for Lignes Aeriennes Congolaises reg 9Q-CTS
- \$2,000,000+ restoration for World Airways who failed to take delivery
- Was the last remaining L-1011 in storage in Roswell
- L-1011 was the last Lockheed airliner, third widebody passenger jet airliner to reach the marketplace, following the Boeing 747 "jumbo jet" and the Douglas DC-10
- Lost out to rival DC-10 because of the use of Rolls-Royce engines
In the 1960s, American Airlines approached Lockheed and competitor Douglas with a need for an aircraft smaller than the existing 747, but still capable of flying to distant locales such as London, the Caribbean, and Latin America from company hubs in Dallas and New York. Lockheed answered the call with the TriStar. Perhaps ironically, American never flew the "Ten Eleven," purchasing many DC-10s instead.
- November 1970 first L-1011 flight
- 1971 (4 months after first flight) Rolls-Royce was bankrupted by the development costs of highly advanced RB211 engine
- 1972 first TriStars joined Eastern and TWA
- Total number (all versions) of TriStars produced—250, ceased production in 1984
- L-1011-100 model first flew in 1975, featured a new center fuel tank that increased the aircraft's range by nearly 930 miles (1,500 km), was purchased by several airlines with longer-range routes, such as TWA, Air Canada and BEA.
- Stats
 - ➔ Crew -- 3
 - ➔ Seating capacity – 253 (3 classes)
 - ➔ Length – 177' 8"
 - ➔ Wingspan – 155' 4"
 - ➔ Height – 55' 4"
 - ➔ Engines – RB 211-22
 - ➔ Cruising speed – 662 mph

Made her last flight and arrived at here at her new home, January 30, 2010. She will remain a static display and sometime in the future, be open for tours. The engines she flew in with have been removed and we are now awaiting replacement “dummy” engines to restore the plane to its original beauty.