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AIRPORT REPORT

NEW LOW COST TRAVEL OPTIONS AND NEW CITIES IN 2016

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The Airport is working hard to provide a wider variety of air travel options and destinations from New Orleans. With 14 airlines providing non-stop service to 54 destinations, we are at an all-time record high. Through sagacious decisions and hard work, we have been able to keep costs down for airlines to operate at Armstrong International, which has been vital to the development of these new routes.

This year, Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport has already announced four new destinations and additional service to several existing destinations by our airlines. This new service benefits our community by providing more competition and service to new markets.

Allegiant Air, an ultra-low cost airline, announced starting three new destinations from New Orleans this year – Jacksonville, St. Petersburg-Clearwater and Tulsa. Service to Florida’s Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) and St. Petersburg–Clearwater International Airport (PIE) begins in April and service to Tulsa International Airport (TUL) in Oklahoma begins in May. Allegiant offers ultra-low fares to popular vacation destinations like New Orleans and with each new flight added here at Armstrong International, an additional 15,000 people are expected to visit our City each year. When making your travel plans, please visit Allegiant’s website at www.AllegiantAir.com as reservations and tickets are only available directly from their website.

Spirit Airlines unveiled two new flights from New Orleans to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and to the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Both flights will operate once per day starting in April. Spirit Airlines is an ultra-low cost carrier known for their low cost “Bare Fare” that allows passengers to choose and pay for only the additional services they need. As Spirit continues to see success with this business model, we hope to see them, and others alike, establish new routes from Armstrong International in the future so that passengers have good low cost options in traveling to many wonderful destinations. Reservations and tickets can be purchased by visiting their website www.Spirit.com.

Starting in April, Frontier Airlines will launch non-stop service to Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) three times a week and Orlando International Airport (MCO) four times a week. Frontier also offers low-cost, non-stop service to Denver, Colorado, and multiple travel options for all budgets. Frontier has a history of on-time flights with signature “Rocky Mountain Hospitality.” With the tagline “Low Fares Done Right,” Frontier allows a choice of customization options for your flight to match both your needs and price point. For more

information and to view all flight options by Frontier Airlines, visit www.FlyFrontier.com.

GLO Airlines, a New Orleans-based airline, will begin seasonal weekend service to the popular Florida destination of Destin and Fort Walton Beach. Flights to the Northwest Florida Regional Airport (VPS) that serves Destin/Fort Walton Beach will occur once per day on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays now through the beginning of September. GLO’s vision is to provide comfortable and convenient travel that connects regional destinations throughout the southeast with direct, nonstop routes. They began service in November 2015 with non-stop flights from New Orleans to Little Rock, Arkansas, Memphis, Tennessee, and Shreveport, Louisiana. Reservations and tickets are only found by visiting their website at www.FlyGLO.com.

American Airlines will also commence non-stop service to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) starting in June. This will allow passengers an additional travel option to the west coast and connectivity to many destinations beyond. For information on this flight and the other destinations served by American Airlines, please visit www.AA.com.

The most recent announcement of additional service comes from JetBlue Airways, which will begin non-stop service to Fort Lauderdale–Hollywood International Airport (FLL) starting in September 2016. JetBlue currently offers non-stop service from New Orleans to New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) and Boston Logan International Airport (BOS). When passengers fly with JetBlue, they get “The Core Experience” which includes free and unlimited snacks and drinks, great entertainment options and, according to the airline, the most legroom in coach. Visit www.JetBlue.com to learn more about this new flight and all the other JetBlue destinations. ✈



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