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# AIRPORT REPORT

## NON-STOP INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FROM NEW ORLEANS

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Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport has seen tremendous growth in air service this year. The Airport achieved a new record high of 17 airlines with the recent announcements by British Airways, Choice Aire, and Condor. We also welcomed multiple new routes to both domestic and international destinations to reach all-time high of 58 non-stop destinations.

Armstrong International is the only airport in Louisiana with 7 non-stop international destinations. One of the most recent and exciting announcements was made by British Airways. For the first time since the early 1980s, British Airways will provide non-stop service from New Orleans to London. British Airways will provide non-stop service to London Heathrow Airport (LHR) four times weekly. Flights are scheduled to depart at 9:10pm from New Orleans arriving into London Heathrow's Terminal 5 at 12 noon the next day. From London, passengers will have the ability to connect to more than 130 other destinations in Europe and beyond.

British Airways will fly a Boeing 787-800 Dreamliner equipped with 214 seats in three cabins—Club World (35 seats), World Traveller Plus (25 seats), and World Traveller (154 seats). This aircraft has many advanced features such as lighting that automatically adjusts across time zones and pressurization that helps passengers avoid jet lag. Passengers throughout the aircraft can also enjoy other amazing features like an in-flight entertainment system that hosts a wide variety of movies, television shows, music, and games, and in-seat power. Flights to London will begin March 27, 2017 and tickets are available for purchase at [www.ba.com](http://www.ba.com).

Another very exciting air service announcement was made earlier this year when Condor announced seasonal non-stop service to Frankfurt, Germany. Condor is part of the Thomas Cook Group, which has an extensive network of partner airlines that allows travellers boundless connectivity throughout the world. Passengers flying from New Orleans to Frankfurt will be able to connect to more than 120 other cities beyond Frankfurt.

Condor will operate a Boeing 767-300ER equipped with reclining seats and in-flight entertainment at each of the aircraft's 259 seats. This international flight offers one free bag, dinner and breakfast, a complimentary welcome drink, and a range of other cold and hot beverages to all its passengers. Flights start May 3, 2017 and depart twice weekly on Wednesdays and Sundays. Wednesday flights will depart from New Orleans at 8:00 p.m. and arrive in Frankfurt at 12:45 p.m. on Thursdays. Flights on Sundays will depart New Orleans at 11:45 p.m. and arrive in Frankfurt at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays. Tickets

are available at [www.Condor.com](http://www.Condor.com) and all other online travel sources.

The newest non-stop international destination was announced by Choice Aire that will provide non-stop service to San Pedro Sula, Honduras starting December 17, 2016. Choice Aire, operated by XTRA Airways, will provide year-round twice weekly service from Armstrong International to Ramón Villeda Morales International Airport (SAP). The flight will utilize a 150-seat Boeing 737-400 aircraft. Ticket prices include one free carry-on and one free checked bag, as well as a snack and beverage service during the flight. Visit your local travel agency or book direct online with Choice Aire at [www.FlyChoiceAire.com](http://www.FlyChoiceAire.com).

The Airport has non-stop service to Latin America on Copa Airlines, which operates flights to Panama City, Panama, four times weekly. By flying into Copa's "Hub of the Americas" in Panama, passengers can seamlessly connect to more than 55 destinations in Central and South America. Onboard the flight, passengers receive unlimited free drinks and food. To book your flight on Copa Airlines, please visit [www.Copa.com](http://www.Copa.com).

Daily flights to Toronto, Canada, are operated by Air Canada. Through Toronto, Air Canada provides seamless connections to 78 cities in Europe and beyond. With Air Canada, you clear Customs before ever touching back down in New Orleans avoiding excess wait time at the Airport. Visit [www.AirCanada.com](http://www.AirCanada.com) for more information.

Other non-stop international destinations from New Orleans include Cancun, Mexico; Panama City, Panama; Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; and Toronto, Canada. Cancun and Punta Cana are both served on a seasonal basis. Delta, United, and Vacation Express provide non-stop service to Cancun and Vacation Express serves Punta Cana.

The list of growing non-stop destinations offered from New Orleans can be found on our website at [www.flymsy.com/nonstop](http://www.flymsy.com/nonstop). ↗



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