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NEW INTERNATIONAL NON-STOP SERVICE TO FRANKFURT, GERMANY, STARTING SUMMER 2017

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The Airport is extremely excited about the announcement of non-stop flights to Europe for the first time in more than 25 years. In addition, the Airport celebrated three inaugural flights, including GLO's service to Destin-Fort Walton Beach, Florida, American Airlines' service to Los Angeles, and Allegiant Air's service to St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Florida. The Airport has non-stop service to 54 destinations, including 5 international destinations on 15 different airlines. The increase in number of airlines and non-stop destinations over the past several years is good for the community as it encourages airlines to compete for your business and it keeps airline fares down. In 2015, our Airport had lower ticket prices than the national average and one of the lowest average prices among similarly sized airports in the region.

June 9, 2016, the Airport announced new international non-stop service to Frankfurt, Germany, by Condor starting in May 2017. This is a momentous achievement as New Orleans welcomes back non-stop service to Europe since flights ceased in the 1980s. Condor is a premier leisure airline that transports its passengers to the best vacation destinations worldwide. 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. The addition of Frankfurt, Germany, to New Orleans's list of non-stop destinations brings the total of non-stop international destinations to five.

Condor will operate a Boeing 767-300ER equipped with reclining seats and in-flight entertainment at each of the aircraft's 259 seats. This long-haul flight offers at least one free bag, dinner and breakfast, a complimentary welcome drink, and a range of other cold and hot beverages to all its passengers. Flights on Wednesdays will depart New Orleans at 6:30 p.m. and arrive in Frankfurt at 11:15 a.m. on Thursdays. Flights on Sundays will depart New Orleans at 11:20 p.m. and arrive in Frankfurt at 4:05 p.m. on Mondays. Tickets start at \$399 one-way and are now available at www.Condor.com and all other online travel sources.

On June 24, 2016, GLO began non-stop service to Destin-Fort Walton Beach, Florida. This seasonal flight will operate on Mondays and Fridays on select dates through September 5, 2016. GLO is a

New Orleans-owned and based company that offers flights to regional destinations like Memphis, Tennessee, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Little Rock, Arkansas. Tickets on GLO are only available directly from their website, so please visit www.FlyGLO.com to book your trip.

Also in June, American Airlines expanded service from New Orleans with the addition of a non-stop flight to Los Angeles. American Airlines now provides non-stop service to seven destinations from New Orleans. Other destinations served by American Airlines are Charlotte, North Carolina, Washington, D.C., Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, Miami, Florida, Chicago, Illinois, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with an array of connections beyond. Please visit www.AA.com for all the flight options American Airlines offers.

Allegiant Air, an ultra-low cost carrier, extended non-stop service to a new destination, St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Florida, from New Orleans on June 3, 2016. This is Allegiant's eighth non-stop destination since beginning service at the Airport in February 2015. Allegiant now provides non-stop service to Cincinnati, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Indianapolis, Indiana, Jacksonville, Florida, Orlando/Sanford, Florida, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Allegiant also offers travel packages that provide options for passengers to select air fare, hotel reservations, rental car accommodations, and popular attraction tickets at discounted rates. Reserving your next vacation package with Allegiant can only be done by visiting www.AllegiantAir.com. ✈



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