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## **Condor Airlines Returning with Flights to Frankfurt, Germany in Summer 2019**

**NEW ORLEANS** – The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is pleased to announce today that Condor Airlines will return to New Orleans in 2019 with seasonal, nonstop flights to Frankfurt, Germany. Condor first launched service to Frankfurt in summer 2017—providing a key connection between this region and Europe. Since that time, more than 30,000 passengers have flown on Condor Airlines with passenger traffic increasing by 6 percent in 2018.

"New Orleans is an international City, and an international destination. International travel continues to climb, and the return of Condor Airlines to MSY is a big win for our people," said **Mayor LaToya Cantrell**. "I am thankful for Condor's commitment to providing this link between New Orleans and Frankfurt, and I encourage our residents to support this flight so we can further strengthen our ties to Europe."

Travelers can now book flights between MSY and Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) on Mondays and Thursdays from June 6 – Sept. 23, 2019.

Condor provides a superior passenger experience onboard its 245-seat Boeing 767-300 with three classes of service, business, premium, and economy. In each class, Condor provides complimentary checked baggage, beverages, meals and in-flight entertainment for all passengers. Business Class passengers have access to priority check-in and business class lounges at most airports, as well as reclining seats and a five course meal onboard the flight. Premium Class features added legroom, leg rests, and adjustable headrests plus premium meals.

Flights on Mondays and Thursdays will depart New Orleans at 10:20 p.m. and arrive in Frankfurt the next day at 3:05 p.m., and depart Frankfurt at 3:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and arrive in New Orleans at 7:35 p.m. the same days. From Condor's hub at Frankfurt International Airport, passengers can seamlessly connect to more than 120 cities in the Eastern Hemisphere at exceptional rates through Condor's extensive network of partner airlines.

"Condor Airlines provides an essential service to our community and the City's visitors," said **New Orleans City Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer, Chair of the Transportation and Airport Committee**. "Nonstop flights like this improve international travel from MSY and bring people from all over to visit New Orleans."

"We would like to thank Condor Airlines for its commitment to serving our region by providing a much needed international flight for our community," said **Cheryl Teamer, New Orleans**

**Aviation Board Chairwoman.** “New Orleans is now better connected to the rest of the world than ever before. We look forward to our continued partnership in 2019 and many years to come.”

“We are thrilled that Condor will return in 2019 for a third year with flights to Frankfurt, Germany, and the many destinations beyond,” said **Kevin Dolliole, Director of Aviation for Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.** “The flight has seen great success since launching in 2017 thanks, in large part, to the locals who book the flights and to the support of regional partners in the business, hospitality and tourism industries who continue to help promote the service.”

"The return of Condor Airlines' nonstop service to New Orleans is further proof that New Orleans continues to be an attractive destination to European visitors. We have been aggressively promoting travel to our city abroad for years now because we know that international visitors are typically culture seekers; they stay longer and they spend more money. It is fulfilling to see the results of our efforts pay off like this. We will continue to strengthen our connectivity to Europe and beyond with partnerships like the one we have with Condor Airlines," said **Stephen Perry, President & CEO - New Orleans & Company.**

“Condor’s continued commitment to New Orleans demonstrates that New Orleans is an international destination,” said **Michael Hecht, President and CEO of Greater New Orleans, Inc.** “Since its launch in 2017, Condor has played an important role in the increase in international visitors and business coming to our region. As we prepare for a new world-class terminal, we look forward working with Condor to make the flight even more successful into the future.”

Tickets are available for the summer 2019 season now at [www.condor.com](http://www.condor.com), at a travel agency, or by phone at 1-866-960-7915 – free of charge.

### **About Condor**

Condor Flugdienst GmbH has been flying its guests to the most beautiful holiday destinations in the world since 1956. The traditional airline is a 100 percent subsidiary of Thomas Cook GmbH. On an annual basis, more than seven million passengers fly with Condor to about 80 destinations in Europe, America, Africa and Asia. The route network of the holiday airline includes over 230 destinations through cooperations with airlines in the destination areas. Condor was merged with the airlines Thomas Cook Airlines UK, Thomas Cook Airlines Belgium and Thomas Cook Airlines Scandinavia in October 2013, to form the Thomas Cook Group Airlines. All companies within the Thomas Cook Group plc. are united under a common symbol: The Sunny Heart. To express their common identity, the aircraft of the Thomas Cook Group Airlines show the sunny heart on their aircraft trails. The sunny heart also shows that Condor is putting its heart into every flight. The fleet of the Thomas Cook Group is comprised of 94 modern and environmentally friendly aircraft, of which 44 aircraft are from the Condor fleet: nine Airbus A320s, seven Airbus A321s, ten Boeing 757-300s and eighteen Boeing 767-300s. The aircraft are maintained by the airlines’ own technical companies. The holiday airline

has won numerous awards in recent years, including for the third year in a row, the award for being 'Germany's Most Popular Airline'.

**About Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport**

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is the primary commercial airport in the State of Louisiana serving over 80% of all passengers flying into the state. Armstrong International Airport is owned by the City of New Orleans. The New Orleans Aviation Board (NOAB), an unattached board of the City of New Orleans, oversees the administration, operation, and maintenance of Armstrong International. The Airport has 15 airlines providing service to 53 non-stop destinations, including seven international destinations. A new world-class terminal complex is currently being constructed. The new terminal will be complete by May 2019. For more information, please visit [www.flymsy.com](http://www.flymsy.com).