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# Southwest Airlines Begins Baltimore-Panama City Beach Service

## Service Begins May 23, with Two Daily Nonstop Departures From BWI

BALTIMORE, May 21 /PRNewswire/ -- Southwest Airlines is celebrating the airline's new service at Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) with a weekend-long, beach-themed celebration at its gates at Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) and an event at McKeldin Square in downtown Baltimore on Monday, May 24.

With the addition of the new ECP service, Southwest's operation at BWI has grown to 182 daily nonstop departures to 44 destinations.

### Media/Photo Opportunity

On Monday, May 24 from noon to 1 p.m., Southwest Airlines is turning McKeldin Square (located at the corner of Pratt and Light streets) into a beach scene complete with beach bags, beach balls, the one and only Baltimore Orioles Mascot, and dozens of Southwest employees dressed ready to head to the beach! The employees will be passing out 200 beach bags to the first passersby who show up. The bags are filled with items donated by local businesses from Panama City Beach. **Also, six beach bags will contain two roundtrip tickets on Southwest, plus hotel accommodations to the Panama City Beach Area!** Accommodations are courtesy of ResortQuest and Oaseas Resorts.

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BWI is just one of four destinations Southwest is serving out of the new Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport. To see Southwest Airlines' full ECP schedule or to book a flight to or from ECP, visit [southwest.com](http://southwest.com). The Dallas-based airline now offers a better way to the beach with a total of eight daily, nonstop, Boeing 737 departures:

- Panama City Beach (ECP) to/from Nashville (BNA) – two daily flights
- Panama City Beach (ECP) to/from Houston Hobby (HOU) – two daily flights
- Panama City Beach (ECP) to/from Baltimore/Washington (BWI) – two daily flights
- Panama City Beach (ECP) to/from Orlando (MCO) – two daily flights

After nearly 39 years of service, Southwest Airlines continues to differentiate itself from other low fare carriers—offering a reliable product with exemplary Customer Service. Southwest Airlines is the nation's largest carrier in terms of originating domestic passengers boarded; now serving 69 cities in 35 states. Southwest also is one of the most honored airlines in the world known for its commitment to the triple bottom line of Performance, People, and Planet. To read more about how Southwest is doing its part to be a good citizen, visit

**southwest.com/cares** to read the One Report. Based in Dallas, Southwest currently operates more than 3,300 flights a day and has nearly 35,000 Employees systemwide.

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