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Southwest Airlines and AirTran Airways Announce New Flight Schedules

Seattle to Become First Airport to Fully Combine Operations into Southwest

DALLAS, Jan. 22, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Southwest Airlines and its wholly owned subsidiary AirTran Airways today each released flight schedules for Aug. 12, 2012, through Sept. 28, 2012. While the airlines' networks are not connected at this point, both carriers are working together to publish the best flight schedules to places Customers want to go. Each carrier is adding new nonstop routes with this schedule as outlined below. Additionally, overall daily flight counts for each airline slightly decline due to a slowing of demand coming off the busy summer travel months. Southwest's August and September schedules will offer Customers 3,250 daily flights. AirTran's schedules will offer more than 550 daily flights. To read a blog post about the schedule changes, please visit www.blogsouthwest.com. To view the comprehensive flight changes charts, please visit www.swamedia.com.

NEW SERVICE BEGINNING Aug. 12, 2012 (open for sale today):

- Southwest:
 - Three new daily nonstop flights between Atlanta and Norfolk
 - Three new daily nonstop flights between Atlanta and Louisville
 - Two new daily nonstop flights between New York LaGuardia and St. Louis
 - Two new daily nonstop flights between San Antonio and St. Louis
- AirTran:
 - Two new daily nonstop flights between Akron-Canton and Chicago Midway

Also with this schedule, two daily nonstop flights at Seattle-Tacoma (SEA) will transition from AirTran to Southwest. As of Aug. 12, 2012, Southwest will offer 41 flights from Seattle, becoming the first airport to fully convert to Southwest Airlines service. To read more details on the Seattle conversion, please view Southwest's Jan. 20, 2012, press release at www.swamedia.com.

To book Southwest flights, please visit: www.southwest.com. To book AirTran flights, please visit: www.airtran.com.

About Southwest Airlines

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 and has recently acquired AirTran Airways, now a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Airlines Co. Southwest serves 72 cities in 37 states and 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 Southwest Airlines One Report(TM). Based in Dallas, Southwest currently operates more than 3,300 flights a day and has more than 37,000 Employees systemwide.

About AirTran Airways

AirTran Airways is a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Airlines Co. and has been ranked the top airline in the Airline Quality Rating study twice in the past four years. AirTran offers coast-to-coast service on North America's newest all-Boeing fleet. The airline's low-cost, high-quality product also includes assigned seating, and Business Class on every flight.

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