

Southwest Airlines And AirTran Airways Extend Flight Schedules Into August 2013 With New Nonstop Options

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DALLAS, Nov. 19, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>Southwest Airlines</u> (NYSE: LUV) today extended flight schedules through Aug. 9, 2013, bringing Wichita, Kansas, onto the Southwest route map and announcing additional, new service on Southwest Airlines to San Juan, Puerto Rico from Baltimore/Washington.

The extended Flight Schedule for wholly owned subsidiary AirTran Airways offers increased frequencies on popular near-international routes by adding a second daily nonstop between Orange County and Cabo/San Jose del Cabo, Mexico, and seasonally returning to daily service between Baltimore/Washington and Bermuda.

Additional new and returning seasonal routes are also now published in the Summer 2013 Flight Schedules for both Southwest and AirTran. Customers may book these flights now at southwest.com and airtran.com.

Beginning June 2, 2013, Southwest Airlines will offer new nonstop service between:

- Wichita* and Chicago (Midway), Dallas Love Field, and Las Vegas
- San Juan and Baltimore/Washington
- Houston (Hobby) and New York LaGuardia
- Chicago (Midway) and Tulsa

The schedule extension also brings a seasonal return of Southwest Airlines nonstop service between Seattle/Tacoma and Atlanta, Houston (Hobby), Kansas City, and Nashville; between Austin and Portland, Oregon; and between Manchester and Las Vegas.

Beginning June 2, 2013, AirTran Airways will offer new nonstop service between:

Tampa Bay and both Houston (Hobby) and Raleigh/Durham

The newly released flight schedules extend the booking window for travel on both Southwest and AirTran to Aug. 9, 2013. To download the flight schedule for Wichita and view an updated map of the Southwest and AirTran networks, visit swamedia.com.

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^{*}AirTran service in Wichita ends the previous day, June 1, 2013.

In its 42nd year of service, Dallas-based Southwest Airlines (NYSE: LUV) continues to differentiate itself from other carriers with exemplary Customer Service delivered by nearly 46,000 Employees to more than 100 million Customers annually. Southwest is the nation's largest carrier in terms of originating passengers boarded, and including wholly-owned subsidiary, AirTran Airways, operates the largest fleet of Boeing aircraft in the world to serve 97 destinations in 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and six near-international countries. Southwest 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 about how Southwest is doing its part to be a good corporate citizen, visit southwest.com/citizenship to read the Southwest Airlines One Report™.

Southwest Airlines

From its first flights on June 18, 1971, Southwest Airlines launched an era of unprecedented affordability in air travel quantified by the U.S. Department of Transportation as "The Southwest Effect," a lowering of fares and increase in passenger traffic wherever the carrier serves. On every flight, Southwest offers Customers the first two pieces of checked luggage (weight and size limitations apply) and all ticket changes without additional fees. Southwest's all Boeing fleet consistently offers leather seating and the comfort of full-size cabins, many of which are equipped with satellite-based WiFi connectivity and a new, eco-friendly cabin interior. With 39 consecutive years of profitability, the People of Southwest operate more than 3,100 flights a day and serve communities around 78 airports in Southwest's network of domestic destinations. Southwest Airlines' frequent flights and low fares are available only at southwest.com.

AirTran Airways

AirTran Airways, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southwest Airlines Co., offers coast-to-coast and near-international service with close to 600 flights a day to 54 destinations. The carrier's high-quality product includes assigned seating and Business Class. As Southwest continues to integrate AirTran's People, places, and planes into Southwest Airlines, Customers of both carriers may book flights at airtran.com and exchange earned loyalty points between both AirTran's A+ Rewards® and Southwest's Rapid Rewards® for reward travel on either airline.

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