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Southwest Airlines Announces New Service Between Chicago (Midway) And Both Dominican Republic & Jamaica Operated By AirTran Airways

DALLAS, Jan. 10, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) today began offering for sale new nonstop service between Chicago (Midway) and both Montego Bay, Jamaica, and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

The flights available for sale now at airtran.com will begin this spring, subject to governmental approvals, and will be operated by Southwest's wholly owned subsidiary AirTran Airways.

"These new international markets make sense for our Chicagoland Customers as we approach connecting the Southwest and AirTran route networks in the coming months," said Bob Jordan, Southwest Airlines' Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer and AirTran Airways President. "AirTran and Southwest serve more than sixty destinations nonstop from Chicago and these additions open up new international options for those Customers."

AirTran Airways nonstop flights between Chicago (Midway) and Montego Bay*:

- Begin Sunday, April 14
- Will operate on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays

AirTran Airways nonstop flights between Chicago (Midway) and Punta Cana*:

- Begin Sunday, May 19
- Will operate on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays

**air service subject to governmental approvals*

Southwest and AirTran currently operate a combined 200+ daily departures from Chicago (Midway) including daily service to Cancun, Mexico, which began in May 2012.

ABOUT SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

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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