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Aer Lingus to Launch Service at Philadelphia International Airport

PHILADELPHIA — Aer Lingus announced today it will begin non-stop flights between Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) and Dublin (DUB) starting in March 2018. The Irish carrier will become the sixth foreign flag airline at PHL and the second to arrive in Philadelphia in the past year. Icelandair began service in May between PHL and Reykjavik.

The Aer Lingus year-round service will operate 4 times weekly on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday between Philadelphia, America's first World Heritage City, and Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland.

"We are very pleased to welcome Aer Lingus to PHL and look forward to offering more non-stop, year-round service to Dublin," said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. "This capital city is a gateway to the beautiful country of Ireland and to Europe. We are proud to expand our non-stop international service and we are excited to enhance travel between Philadelphia and Ireland."

"We are delighted to announce Philadelphia as our new route for summer 2018," said Aer Lingus Chief Operating Officer Mike Rutter. "We are proud to continue to deliver on our promise to grow our transatlantic network and further strengthen Dublin Airport as a leading gateway to North America, and we are looking forward to welcoming guests from Pennsylvania."

From Dublin, Aer Lingus passengers will have easy connections to 21 destinations in Europe and Abu Dhabi. The first Aer Lingus flight will arrive from Dublin on March 25, 2018. Aer Lingus will use B-757 aircraft on the route.

El 115 departs DUB 1:50pm and arrives at PHL at 4:15pm.

El 114 departs PHL 5:30pm and arrives in Dublin at 5:10am the next morning. All departure and arrival times are local.

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American Airlines currently serves Dublin from PHL with year-round non-stop flights.

The Aer Lingus announcement follows news in August that in 2018 American will begin non-stop service from PHL to Zurich (March 25) and Budapest and Prague (May 4).

With the new flights to Budapest, Prague and Zurich, PHL will offer service to 36 international destinations, including 16 capital cities.

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Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$15.4 billion in spending annually and supporting more than 96,300 full-time jobs for the 11-county Philadelphia MSA.