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Alaska Airlines to Add Non-Stop Service from PHL to Los Angeles

PHILADELPHIA – Alaska Airlines announced today that it will begin non-stop service between Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) starting this summer. The daily flights, which will be operated by Virgin America, will launch with a red-eye departing LAX at 8:45 PM on Sept. 1 and arriving in Philadelphia at 5 AM the following morning. The first Virgin America departure from PHL to Los Angeles is 6:30 AM on Sept. 2, arriving at LAX at 9:26 AM.

Alaska Airlines and Virgin America announced they were merging in December 2016.

The announcement of the new route comes one month after Alaska revealed it would add service between PHL and San Francisco starting August 31. Los Angeles will be the fourth destination served non-stop from PHL by Alaska. Alaska operates daily service to its home base in Seattle and will begin seasonal summer service to Portland, Oregon in May. Noted for its famous Eskimo face tail, Alaska has been operating in Philadelphia since 2012. Virgin America, which will operate the PHL-SFO flights, previously operated at PHL from 2012-2014.

For the ninth year in a row, Alaska was rated “Highest in Customer Satisfaction Among Traditional Carriers in North America” by J.D. Power in 2016. Also for the ninth consecutive year in 2016, Virgin America was named “Best U.S. Airline” in *Conde Nast Traveler’s* annual readers’ choice awards and the Top Domestic Airline in the *Travel + Leisure World’s Best Awards* survey.

“This is more wonderful news for travelers in the Philadelphia region,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “We are very excited that Alaska is expanding in Philadelphia, and we look forward to more flights to more cities.”

Currently, American Airlines and Spirit Airlines offer non-stop flights between PHL and Los Angeles. Virgin America will operate the PHL-LAX flights on A-320 family aircraft.