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American Airlines Announces New Service to 3 Florida Destinations

PHILADELPHIA – American Airlines has announced that it will begin seasonal service between Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) and three new Florida cities in 2019: Sarasota, Key West and Melbourne. When the new service begins next winter, American will offer the only non-stop flights from PHL to Key West in the popular Keys and to Melbourne on Florida’s central Atlantic coast.

The flights to Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport (SRQ) will depart PHL Saturday and Sunday at 8:05 AM, arriving in SRQ at 10:55 AM beginning January 12, giving PHL travelers another direct flight option to the popular Gulf Coast city. The return flight departs SRQ at 11:30 AM, arriving in PHL at 2:30 PM.

The flights to Key West International Airport (EYW) and Orlando Melbourne International Airport (MLB) will depart Saturdays starting February 16, giving travelers the only non-stop service from PHL to the southernmost point in the U.S. and the Space Coast, respectively.

The PHL – EYW flight departs at 10:30 AM, arriving in Key West at 1:36 PM. The return flight departs Key West at 2:14 PM, arriving in PHL at 5:00 PM. The PHL – MLB flight departs at 8:05 AM, arriving in Melbourne at 10:48 AM. The return flight departs MLB at 11:24 AM, arriving in PHL at 1:55 PM.

American will operate the flights on Embraer 175 aircraft. The seasonal service ends September 1.

“Florida is the destination of choice for many in the region who want to escape the cold and snow during the winter months, and we are excited that our hub carrier, American Airlines, has added Sarasota, Key West and Melbourne to their non-stop service from Philadelphia,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “Snow birds and vacationers alike will appreciate the convenient new flights to Florida.”

This year has been a busy one for American at PHL. Since the start of 2018, American has launched non-stop service to San Antonio, Des Moines, Madison, Omaha, Pensacola, Oklahoma City, Fort Wayne, Budapest, Prague, Zurich and Mexico City. It will begin non-stop flights to Worcester October 4 and Edinburgh, Berlin, Bologna and Dubrovnik in 2019.

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.