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American Airlines to Add 2 New Cities, Upgrade Prague Service

PHILADELPHIA – American Airlines has announced that it will begin daily year-round service from Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) to Asheville, NC (AVL) and Chattanooga, TN (CHA). When the new service begins on May 3, 2019, American will offer the only non-stop flights from PHL to these destinations.

American will operate the flights on Embraer 175 aircraft.

The largest carrier at PHL also announced that it will offer more seats and Premium Economy on flights between Philadelphia and Prague in 2019 due to popular demand and robust ticket sales. When the seasonal service resumes in May 2019, it will be operated by larger Airbus A330-200 aircraft featuring Premium Economy and more than 500 additional seats per week. PHL-PRG debuted earlier this year and was flown on B767 aircraft.

“The success of the Prague flight has been overwhelming, and even more travelers will be able to take advantage of this popular service next year,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “Moreover, American continues to add more flights to more cities currently not served from PHL, giving travelers even more convenient options to fly from Philadelphia. We are pleased to welcome Asheville and Chattanooga to our growing non-stop route map.”

Asheville and Chattanooga bring to 13 the number of domestic destinations that American has added in 2018 or has announced plans to add in 2019. Earlier this year, American launched non-stop service to San Antonio, Des Moines, Madison, Omaha, Pensacola, Oklahoma City, Fort Wayne and Worcester. In September, the airline announced that it will begin non-stop service from PHL to Sarasota, Key West and Melbourne starting 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.