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Top-Flight Food and Retail Choices Abound for PHL Holiday Customers

Shopping and dining creates a pleasant, exciting visit to Philadelphia International Airport

PHILADELPHIA – The notion that Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is just a place where people board planes to fly to some distant locale is as antiquated as the DC 3 or Boeing 707 aircraft. Over the years, PHL has been transformed into a destination with traveler-friendly services and mall-type shopping and dining with restaurants, food courts, and retail stores selling name-brand merchandise.

At Philadelphia International Airport, travelers have an award-winning dining and shopping experience at some 170 food and beverage and retail locations spread among the Airport's seven terminals including commercial hubs on the B/C Connector and D/E Connector.

Before boarding their flight, travelers can satisfy their appetite at one of the Airport's many dining establishments including upscale restaurants, popular local eateries, and familiar fast food places. They can eat in restaurants like Local Tavern with its Iron Chef Jose Garces menu and complimentary iPads at every table, Legal Sea Foods, Philadelphia's own Chickie's and Pete's where they can chow down on signature Crab Fries and cheese steaks, or enjoy a meal in one of the Airport's 12 food courts.

Moreover, PHL customers who prefer to eat healthy have plenty of menu options from a variety of restaurants and food concessions that are good tasting and good for them. The Airport's abundance of nutritious offerings earned PHL recognition last month by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine as one of the healthiest airports in the nation.

"The top-flight shopping and dining at PHL not only creates a friendlier, more relaxing visit but makes people look forward to coming to the Airport," said Airport CEO Mark Gale. "Our customers know that they will have access to a quality food-beverage and retail experience that has been consistently recognized as one of the best in North America.

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“The days of food choices limited to simple, fast food at airports are long gone and not acceptable to the flying public of today,” Gale said. “Now, people are more conscious about what they eat and they expect to have healthy choices on the menu when they eat out. We understand it is important to offer menu options that are nutritious.”

Shopping is another pleasant visitor experience at the Airport. A variety of retail shops offer an array of quality goods from national brands to Philadelphia-brand merchandise. Customers can shop for fine jewelry at Fire & Ice, apparel at GAP, or a Philadelphia-themed souvenir at Explore Philadelphia.

Service-oriented businesses prepared to meet travelers needs include Minute Suites, where passengers can take a nap in a private room; XpresSpa, where customers can get a relaxing massage; and the UPS Store, which offers a variety of postal and business services.

For more information on the Airport’s food and shops, visit the Food and Shops page on phl.org

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