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Spirit Airlines Announces Non-Stop Service to Detroit and Fort Lauderdale

PHILADELPHIA – Spirit Airlines today announced that it will begin operating daily non-stop service from Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) to Detroit Metropolitan International Airport (DTW) and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) beginning April 29, 2016.

The Florida-based airline, which frequently touts its “Ultra-Low Fares,” began service out of Philadelphia in 2013 with non-stop flights to Dallas-Fort Worth. Spirit has since added non-stop service to Atlanta, Chicago, Las Vegas, and Myrtle Beach, S.C. Two weeks prior to the start of non-stop service to Detroit and Fort Lauderdale, Spirit will begin non-stop service from PHL to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Presently, both American Airlines and Delta Air Lines provide service to Detroit from PHL; service to and from Fort Lauderdale is currently provided by American, Southwest Airlines and JetBlue.

“We are very pleased Spirit continues to add service in Philadelphia,” said Airport CEO Mark Gale. “Our customers are the beneficiaries of Spirit’s growth and expansion of services. As our airlines create more choices in scheduling, passengers often have more affordable travel options. It’s a trend we are excited to see.”

PHL was recently ranked as the 14th-most-connected airport in the world, and No. 11 in the United States, by the British-based aviation data firm, OAG.

PHL offers non-stop service to 91 domestic and 39 international destinations. The most popular domestic destinations include Atlanta, Orlando, Chicago, Boston and Dallas-Fort Worth. The most popular international destinations include Cancun, London, Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, Toronto and Frankfurt, Germany.

This year, Philadelphia International Airport celebrates the 75th anniversary of its commercial air service. In 1940, the Airport served 40,000 passengers flying to a handful of cities. Today, more than 30 million passengers travel annually to 131 destinations around the world.

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 \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.