

SAN ANTONIO FLIGHT PLAN

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SAT Welcomes Low Fare Spirit Airlines with Service to FLL

Ultra low-cost carrier Spirit Airlines makes its first landing at San Antonio International Airport (SAT) on April 14. This single daily non-stop flight to Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) will double to two flights per day starting May 1. The non-stop service to FLL will be San Antonio's first and only direct service to South Florida. From Ft. Lauderdale, San Antonio travelers will be able to connect to Spirit Airlines' 200 daily departures to 39 destinations in the U.S., Caribbean and Latin America.

Spirit bills itself as the largest ultra-low cost carrier in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. The

airline flies a new fleet of efficient and comfortable Airbus 319 and 321. San Antonio passengers will fly morning and evening flights between SAT and FLL on the 144-seat A319. To book flights, log onto Spirit's web site www.spiritair.com. An introductory one-way fare of \$18.36 is being offered for a limited time in celebration of Texas Independence.

"As a Texan, I am very proud that my home state won its independence in 1836," said San Antonio native and Spirit Airlines Vice President and Controller

David Bradford. "I am equally as proud to be associated with an airline that is able to facilitate [▶ continued pg. 3](#)



AirTran Airways & Lower Air Fares to Atlanta Coming to SAT



On February 25, 2008, AirTran Airways announced plans to begin service with three daily flights between San Antonio International Airport (SAT) and Hartsfield-Jackson

Atlanta International Airport (ATL) starting June 11 and 12, and up to four by July 9. The route will be served by AirTran's popular XM Satellite Radio equipped Boeing 717-200 aircraft, which seats 117 passengers (12 in Business Class and 105 in coach).

"AirTran Airways' mission is to bring down fares. We

want to give residents the opportunity to travel, while simultaneously encouraging tourists to visit the historic Alamo and River Walk in San Antonio," said Kevin Healy, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Planning for AirTran Airways. "We're excited to provide San Antonio's business and leisure travelers with access to popular destinations across the country, as well as the opportunity to fly America's youngest all-Boeing fleet."

AirTran connects from ATL to 46 destinations, including business markets in New York, Washington, D.C. and Boston. AirTran also offers connections to popular vacation destinations such as Orlando, Tampa and San Juan. For more information and free online booking, visit www.airtran.com.

"AirTran's choice of San Antonio as its [▶ continued pg. 3](#)

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Southwest Airlines Begins Non-Stop Flights to Denver

On May 10, Southwest Airlines will add its 15th non-stop destination from San Antonio (SAT) when it will begin service to Denver International Airport (DIA). Southwest will also add a second flight to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) on this date, bringing its total SAT daily departures to 52.

“The discount carrier recently announced that it would adjust its schedule, cutting flights at some airports and adding flights at others. San Antonio was one of the few airports that didn’t have any flights cut or frequencies reduced and for this we are very grateful,” said Aviation Director Mark Webb.

“San Antonio is one of our growth markets,” Southwest spokeswoman Brandy King said. “We keep seeing growth in customers, and they say they need more flights from us,” King said.

The new non-stop to Denver will depart SAT at 11:50 a.m. and arrive at DIA at 1 p.m. The return flight from DIA will leave at 1:25 p.m. and arrive in San Antonio at 4:30 p.m. For reservations log onto Southwest’s web site: www.southwest.com or call 1-800-435-9792.

Northwest Airlines Adds Non-Stop Flights to Indianapolis



On May 2, Northwest Airlines will begin non-stop flights from San Antonio International Airport (SAT) to Indianapolis International Airport (IND). This will be

Northwest’s fourth non-stop destination from San Antonio. Northwest also flies from San Antonio to Memphis, Minneapolis and Detroit.

“Indianapolis is one of those destinations that our business community has placed high on its priority list for non-stop flights,” said Aviation Director Mark Webb. “Northwest’s announcement is very good news and one that I am sure our community will support.”

The new service will be operated by Northwest Airlinck partner Pinnacle Airlines using 50-seat Bombardier CRJ 200 jet aircraft. The SAT flight will depart at 7:15 a.m. and arrive in IND at 11:00 a.m. The return flight from IND will leave daily at 6:30 p.m. and arrive in San Antonio at 8:10 p.m. All flights may be booked at www.nwa.com, through travel agencies or by calling Northwest Airlines Reservations at 1-800-225-2525.

SAT Celebrates Southwest Airlines’ March 17th Launch of New Non-stop Flights to Philadelphia



▲ Southwest Airlines Representative Dora Tanton and District 9 Councilman Louis Rowe

U.S AIRWAYS To Begin Non-Stop Flights to Its Charlotte Hub

Beginning May 4, 2008, US Airways will start new non-stop service from San Antonio International Airport (SAT) to Charlotte/Douglas International Airport (CLT). Flights will be operated by US Airways Express carrier Mesa Airlines using their 86-seat Canadair CRJ900 jets.

“With a solid business and government base supported by outstanding educational institutions, a diverse economy, culture and tourism, we are pleased to offer San Antonio connections to Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean through our Charlotte hub,” said US Airways Director of Express Planning Jason Reisinger.

With this announcement, US Airways’ Charlotte hub now has more than 540 daily departures to 128 non-stop destinations. Passengers may book US Airways flights at www.usairways.com

“With US Airways’ new non-stop service, San Antonio air travelers now have more options when choosing to fly,” said Aviation Director Mark Webb.

The following flight times between SAT and CLT will be available:

	Departs	Arrives	Flight #
From SAT to CLT	7:00 a.m.	10:38 a.m.	2686
From SAT to CLT	1:00 p.m.	4:38 p.m.	2678
From CLT to SAT	9:45 a.m.	12:05 p.m.	2659
From CLT to SAT	6:00 p.m.	8:14 p.m.	2679

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this new service by offering Texas travelers independence from high fares.”

“Spirit Airlines’ entry into our market with non-stop flights to Ft. Lauderdale is terrific news for San Antonians,” said SAT Aviation Director Mark Webb. “Spirit is not only connecting two vibrant cities with non-stop service, but they’re also bringing to the market an ultra low-cost business model that I think our community is going to find very appealing.”



	Depart	Arrive	Flight #
From FLL to SAT	3:55 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	735*
From SAT to FLL	6:30 p.m.	10: 25 p.m.	210*
From FLL to SAT	6:55 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	729**
From SAT to FLL	9:30 a.m.	1:25 p.m.	204**

**Starts April 14*

***Starts May 1*

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58th destination is tremendous news for air travelers in San Antonio,” said Mark Webb, Aviation Director for the San Antonio Airport System. “AirTran Airways has an impeccable record when it comes to customer service and on-time service, and they’re going to bring their low-cost model to one of San Antonio’s most popular destinations, Atlanta, GA.”



	Departs	Arrives	Flight #
From SAT to ATL	6:30 a.m.	9:55 a.m.	658
From SAT to ATL	12:20 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	654
From SAT to ATL	2:35 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	652*
From SAT to ATL	5:10 p.m.	8:35 p.m.	650
From ATL to SAT	10:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	657
From ATL to SAT	12:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	653*
From ATL to SAT	3:20 p.m.	4:35 p.m.	651
From ATL to SAT	9:20 p.m.	10:35 p.m.	647

**Starts July 9*

First Landing Rights for Private Aircraft Awarded to SAT

In a press conference held on March 20, Congressman Lamar Smith announced that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Regulations were successfully amended to add San Antonio International Airport (SAT) to the list of designated airports at which certain private aircraft arriving in the continental United States from certain areas south of the United States must land for CBP processing. This permanent designation for SAT is effective April 7, 2008.

CBP reports no incidents or problems during a six-year period, ending November 2006, that SAT had been statutorily designated as an airport at which private

aircraft arriving from the south may land for customs processing. During the temporary designation periods, CBP processing of general aviation aircraft at SAT increased as much as 300%.

“This permanent designation will significantly enhance business, commerce and trade relationships between San Antonio and Mexico,” said Congressman Smith.

“San Antonio truly appreciates the Congressman’s efforts and diligence in seeing this important initiative through to completion,” said Mayor Phil Hardberger. “Our City is now positioned to welcome more visitors and businesses to San Antonio.”



▲ *Mayor Phil Hardberger, Congressman Lamar Smith and City Councilman Louis Rowe*

San Antonio Conventions & Events

During the second quarter of 2008, the City of San Antonio will host more than 110 conventions with over 120,561 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:

DATES	ORGANIZATIONS	DELEGATES
April 3-7	National Association of Basketball Coaches	6,000
April 4-8	National Collegiate Athletic Association	40,000
April 17-18	TCASE & Texas School Administrators Legal Digest	1,000
April 21-23	Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association	2,000
May 1-5	Texas Dental Association	12,335
May 11-15	Victory Outreach International	4,000
May 20-23	National Petrochemical & Refiners Association	2,000
May 24-29	American Academy of Physician Assistants	8,000
June 3-7	American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine	3,000
June 9-13	Association of the US Army	1,500
June 14-20	Texas Association of School Boards	2,000

SAT YEAR-TO-DATE STATS

	Through Dec. '06	Through Dec. '07	Change
Domestic Enplanements	3,904,178	3,906,887	0.07%
International Enplanements	98,725	102,889	4.22%
Charter Enplanements	7,791	11,069	42.1%
Total Enplanements	4,003,075	4,009,776	0.20%
Total Freight (lbs)	207,771,114	210,743,693	1.43%
Total Mail (lbs)	76,351,268	70,072,785	-8.22%

