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Denver International Airport Celebrates the Return of Nonstop Service to Munich, Germany

Flight Expected to Boost Statewide Economic Output by \$80 Million Annually

DENVER – May 11, 2016 – Denver International Airport (DEN) today celebrated the launch of Lufthansa’s nonstop service from Denver to Munich, Germany, increasing capacity between Denver and Europe by 15 percent and providing access to one of the most popular cities in Europe.

“This new nonstop service will provide access to Munich International Airport, one of the fastest and most convenient hubs, with just 30-minute connection times to 150 destinations including one-stop access to nearly 30 new cities,” airport CEO Kim Day said. “And while the Mile High City offers many synergies with the Bavarian capital that will attract visitors, passengers on the arriving flight to Denver will also have convenient connections to over 170 nonstop destinations around the world through Denver International Airport’s growing network of airlines and destinations.”

The new flight operates five times per week using an Airbus A330-300, and represents the first time the 236-seat aircraft has been scheduled for regular service at DEN. The eastbound LH 481 service will operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, departing Denver at 4:05 p.m. and arriving in Munich the following morning. The corresponding westbound LH 480 service will also operate on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, departing from Lufthansa’s Munich hub at 11:45 a.m. and arriving in Denver at 2:30 p.m. (all times local) after a 10 hour, 45 minute flight.

The route will begin with a 236-seat Airbus A330-300, but the aircraft will later be “up-gauged” to a 297-seat Airbus A340-600, which will be used during the peak summer travel season from July 19 to Oct. 2. The use of this aircraft will provide a 26-percent increase in capacity for the Munich route, including a 47-percent increase in business class seats and a 52-percent increase in premium economy seats. The decision to up-gauge the aircraft is a clear indication of Lufthansa’s confidence in the route.

“Denver has been an important market for Lufthansa since 2001. The reintroduction of our Denver-Munich route increases capacity by nearly 50 percent, demonstrating the boost in demand we’re receiving from leisure and business travelers to both Munich and Frankfurt,” said Juergen Siebenrock, Vice President The Americas at Lufthansa German Airlines. “With all classes now offering the newest onboard product, our passengers traveling to Munich will experience the highest level of quality, as well as the premium customer service that Lufthansa is known for.”

Munich is rich with culture, old-world charm and modern businesses. Known around the world for its beer gardens, Oktoberfest and Christmas Markets, Munich is also the European headquarters of many international

companies such as Siemens, BMW, Allianz, Linde and Infineon. Additionally, Europe ranks as Denver's largest international market by region, accounting for nearly 30 percent of total passenger volume. Lufthansa's Munich service is estimated to generate more than 700 new jobs and \$24 million in new wages for the state, as well as boost statewide economic output by more than \$80 million annually.

"Denver continues to expand its global reach by providing new connections through nonstop flights that will stimulate economic activity, create new jobs and increase travel to and from Denver," said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock. "Lufthansa has been our partner since 2001, and by offering a new service to Munich, it will not only strengthen our partnership, but will help expand travel options between Colorado and Europe."

Round-trip fares on Lufthansa from Denver to Munich will be available starting at approximately \$980.

For additional information and/or bookings visit www.LH.com.

Denver International Airport is the 19th-busiest airport in the world and the sixth-busiest airport in the United States. With more than 54 million passengers traveling through the airport each year, DEN is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world's largest aviation market. DEN is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$26 billion for the region annually. For more information visit www.FlyDenver.com, check us out on [YouTube](#), [Pinterest](#), and [Instagram](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

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