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Denver International Airport Celebrates Southwest® Inaugural Nonstop Service to Belize City, Belize

DENVER – Mar. 11, 2017 – Southwest Airlines Co. and Denver International Airport (DEN) celebrated the inaugural nonstop flight to Belize City, Belize today. Belize is a new international destination for DEN and is currently Denver’s 4th largest market in Central America.

“Every time we add an international destination to our network, we further engrain Denver in the global market,” said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock. “We couldn’t do this without the support of our great airline partners at Southwest Airlines and we are thankful for their commitment to Denver and our passengers.”

Belize sits on the eastern coast of Central America and is known around the world for its reef scuba diving, fishing, beaches and eco-tourism. More than 15,000 passengers travel between Denver and Belize City annually on connecting service.

“DEN continues to grow its international network, offering passengers more opportunities to explore the world and discover new places for relaxation,” said airport CEO Kim Day. “Today, we are excited to inaugurate nonstop service to Belize to facilitate an exotic experience in Central America for our community.”

The new service initially will operate once weekly, on Saturdays, increasing in June to twice a week, on Saturdays and Sundays during peak season for Belize travel, from March 11 through August 13. The flight is scheduled initially to depart DEN at 10:30 a.m., and arrive in Belize City at 3:50 p.m. (local times). These times will change slightly throughout the operating season. The nonstop service will operate using a 737-700 with 143 seats.

“Today marks an exciting day for Southwest and our growing operation at Denver International Airport,” said Jason Van Eaton, Vice President Governmental Affairs at Southwest Airlines. “We are pleased not only to offer our Customers the only nonstop service between Denver International and Belize City, Belize, but also grow our international footprint while connecting our Customers with more destinations that are important to them.”

Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr., Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation: “It is always a pleasure to welcome a new route to Belize and today’s inaugural flight from Denver, Colorado is no exception. Southwest Airlines continues to show its commitment to Belize by creating additional routes to Belize making us more accessible to U.S. travelers. We are grateful to Southwest who believes in our destination and we hope that they will continue be a great partner for years to come.”

With the addition of Belize City, DEN now has service to 20 international destinations in eight countries, and more than 180 total nonstop destinations.

See photos of Southwest Airline’s event at DEN [here](#)

About DEN

Denver International Airport is the 19th-busiest airport in the world and the sixth-busiest airport in the United States. With more than 58 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](#).

ABOUT SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

In its 11th year of serving Denver, [Southwest Airlines](#) (NYSE: LUV) continues to differentiate itself from other air carriers with exemplary Customer Service delivered by more than 4,000 Colorado-based Employees. Beginning with its June 2017 schedule, Southwest will reach an operational milestone of 200 flights a day departing Denver International Airport to nearly sixty cities with nonstop service. Southwest proudly operates a network of 101 destinations in the United States and eight additional countries with more than 3,900 departures a day during peak travel season.

Based on the U.S. Department of Transportation's most recent data, Southwest Airlines is the nation's largest carrier in terms of originating domestic passengers boarded. The Company operates the largest fleet of Boeing aircraft in the world, the majority of which are equipped with satellite-based WiFi providing gate-to-gate connectivity. That connectivity enables Customers to use their personal devices to view video on-demand movies and television shows, as well as nearly 20 channels of free, live TV compliments of our valued Partners. Southwest created [Transfarency](#)[®], a philosophy which treats Customers honestly and fairly, and in which low fares actually stay low. Southwest is the only major U.S. airline to offer bags fly free[®] to everyone (first and second checked pieces of luggage, size and weight limits apply, some airlines may allow free checked bags on select routes or for qualified circumstances), and there are no change fees, though fare differences might apply. Book Southwest Airlines' low fares online at [Southwest.com](#) or by phone at 800-I-FLY-SWA.

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