

Lambert Lands New Destination, More Flights for Summer 2016

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Southwest Airlines announces service to Oakland, CA, Cleveland, OH and Portland, OR.



Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL) will soon have a second option for travelers to reach the San Francisco Bay area with Southwest Airlines' announcement of new daily nonstop service to Oakland, CA (OAK) beginning June 5, 2016. Oakland is a new destination for the St. Louis region. Southwest is also adding nonstop service to Cleveland, OH (CLE) and Portland, OR (PDX) that same day.

"The announcement by Southwest Airlines is great news for our region, and will open up new destinations during the peak travel season this upcoming summer," said Airport Director Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge. "We've focused the last year on getting more frequency and destinations to the West Coast, and the announcement is a payoff to our efforts."

In the last year, Lambert has gained seven new destinations for the region; four of which are on Southwest Airlines. In November Southwest inaugurated its daily nonstop route to Orange County, CA (SNA). Service between STL and Little Rock, AR (LIT) begins January 6, 2016 with two nonstop flights daily. Daily nonstop service to

Pittsburg, PA (PIT) begins in March, and two daily nonstop flights each to Des Moines, IA (DSM) and Wichita, KS (ICT) debut in April.

When the June 5th flights begin, Southwest Airlines will serve 43 destinations out of Lambert, and total 103 daily departures. Tickets are on sale now at www.Southwest.com. Southwest Airlines is the largest carrier at STL, and operates exclusively out of Terminal 2.

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