
NEWS RELEASE

Silicon Valley Travelers Have Two More Reasons to Choose Southwest Airlines

-- SJC is Ready for Summer Travelers with More Flights and New Gates --



San Jose, Calif. - Summer travelers have more reasons to choose [Mineta San Jose International Airport](#) (SJC) with Southwest Airlines' launch yesterday of nonstop flights to both Nashville and Raleigh/Durham. Daily, year-round, service to Nashville is just the ticket to get travelers to sing a new tune with all that the musical city offers to first-time and returning visitors. Sunday, summer-season, service to Raleigh/Durham is also an in-demand business destination. Tickets are on sale at Southwest.com.

"We are thankful for Southwest Airlines and their team's continued focus in delivering the nonstop destinations that Silicon Valley travelers have asked for, particularly in time for the peak summer travel season," said SJC Director of Aviation John Aitken. "The Airport is prepared to support Southwest's ongoing growth and offer a continued easy and efficient experience for all travelers by delivering new gates in Terminal B this week."

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“A nonstop journey to Music City strikes the right note with both our business and leisure Customers in the South Bay,” said Andrew Watterson, Southwest Executive Vice President & Chief Revenue Officer. “Alongside our instantly successful Hawaii service added in May, we’re working to provide relevant service for the Silicon Valley, as both privilege and enabler of our position as SJC’s number one carrier and as the airline with the largest footprint of service in California.”

Passengers departing on the inaugural Nashville flight were surprised and delighted at receiving specialty cookies from Southwest’s heart cart, as well as guitar-strumming ducks, courtesy of the Airport Department.



Flight schedule information, which is subject to change, follows:

San Jose – Nashville (BNA)				Nashville – San Jose			
WN 597	10:05 a.m.	4:20 p.m.	Daily	WN 1263	2:40 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	Daily

San Jose – Raleigh/Durham (RDU)				Raleigh/Durham – San Jose			
WN 2559	11:55 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Sunday	WN 3310	7:40 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	Sunday

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The new Nashville and Raleigh/Durham flights follow Southwest's launch of service from SJC to Hawaii – Honolulu, Oahu and Kahului, Maui – which started in May 2019.

Southwest is SJC's largest airline with 115 peak departures daily, as of summer 2019, to these 31 cities: Albuquerque, Austin, Baltimore/Washington, Boise, Burbank, Cabo San Lucas, Chicago/Midway, Dallas/Love Field, Denver, El Paso, Honolulu, Houston- Hobby, Las Vegas, Long Beach, Los Angeles/LAX, Kahului-Maui, Nashville, New Orleans (seasonal), Ontario, Orange County/Santa Ana, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland, Raleigh/Durham, Reno, Saint Louis, Salt Lake City, San Diego, Seattle, Spokane and Tucson.

SJC will commission an Interim Gates Facility, attached to the south end of Terminal B, on June 13, 2019. New gates 31-35 will be turned over to Southwest Airlines after the event. Gate 36 will be operational by Nov. 1, 2019. As the initial airline to operate from the new facility, Southwest will co-locate its gates in Terminal B and enhance the overall passenger experience.

About Southwest Airlines Co.

In its 48th year of service, Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) continues to differentiate itself from other air carriers with exemplary Customer Service delivered by more than 58,000 Employees to a Customer base topping 120 million passengers annually. Southwest became the nation's largest domestic air carrier in 2003 and maintains that ranking based on the U.S. Department of Transportation's most recent reporting of domestic originating passengers boarded. In peak travel seasons, Southwest operates more than 4,000 weekday departures among a network of 99 destinations in the United States and 10 additional countries. Book Southwest Airlines' low fares online at **Southwest Airlines** or by phone at **800-I-FLY-SWA**.

SJC: Transforming How Silicon Valley Travels

Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San Jose. The airport, now in its 70th year, serves more than 14.5 million passengers annually, with 450 peak daily departures and arrivals on 13 international and domestic carriers to 50+ nonstop destinations. SJC has been one of America's fastest-growing major airports over the past four-year period, based on percentage increase in passenger seat capacity. For more airport information, visit FlySJC.com.

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