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# News Release

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## **New Air Service at Detroit Metro Airport Continues to Soar in the New Year**

- *Three new routes on three airlines already announced for 2015*

**DETROIT (January 8, 2015)** - Low fare carriers continue to spread their wings in Detroit with two airlines announcing yesterday they will add new service from Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW). Spirit Airlines announced it will join JetBlue and Delta by offering new non-stop service to Boston; JetBlue announced its own new route addition between Detroit and Ft. Lauderdale, FL. These two new route announcements follow a record-breaking year for new air service start-ups at DTW and previously released news that Virgin Atlantic will initiate new international service to London's Heathrow Airport on June 1, 2015. Frontier Airlines has also confirmed it plans to resume its recently added service from Detroit to Trenton/Princeton, NJ and Washington's Dulles airport, after temporarily suspending the flights for the Winter.

“Airports and our travelers covet these type of competitive low fare routes and we are happy JetBlue and Spirit chose Detroit Metro Airport for these new flights,” said Thomas Naughton, Airport Authority CEO. “We will continue to work toward meeting all the travel needs of our region and plan to keep doing our part to support this upswing in demand to and from our area.”

Spirit's new service to Boston begins April 16<sup>th</sup> and will operate until the Fall. The non-stop will depart Detroit daily at 7:00 a.m., arriving in Boston at 8:59 a.m. The return will depart Boston at 9:15p.m. and arrive in Detroit at 11:26 p.m. The service will be operated with Airbus aircraft. Spirit Airlines operates from Detroit Metro Airport's North Terminal. For more information, please see:  
<http://ir.spirit.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=890110>

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JetBlue's new flights to Ft. Lauderdale will commence on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The new service will be the airline's first expansion in the Motor City since it arrived in Detroit in March 2014 initiating three non-stop flights per day to Boston. The new Ft. Lauderdale flights will depart Detroit Metro Airport's North Terminal at 7:05 p.m. and arrive in Ft. Lauderdale at 10:10 p.m. The return will leave Ft. Lauderdale at 3:20 p.m. and arrive at 7:20 p.m. For more information, please see: <http://investor.jetblue.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=131045&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=2004820>

"These great service announcements follow a fantastic 2014 that saw Detroit gain two new airlines and saw Royal Jordanian introduce Detroit's first 787 Dreamliner service last month," said Marcus Kemper, SVP Facilities and Development. "With Detroit's first new international carrier in many years arriving in 2015, we are eager to play our part in Detroit's regional renaissance".

Virgin Atlantic will begin service on June 1<sup>st</sup> and operate daily to London's Heathrow Airport. Flights will depart Detroit at 5:50 p.m. and arrive in London the next morning at 6:25a.m. Flights will depart London at 10:10 a.m. and arrive in Detroit at 1:15p.m. Virgin Atlantic will operate from DTW's McNamara Terminal and will utilize the A330-300 aircraft with 266 seats offering three classes of service for the flights.

Frontier will resume service to Washington's Dulles on May 1<sup>st</sup> and flights will operate on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Flights leave Detroit at 3:25 p.m. and arrive at 4:55 p.m. Return flights leave Dulles airport at 12:45p.m. and arrive at 2:25p.m. Frontier will also resume service to Trenton/Princeton, NJ on April 30<sup>th</sup>. For the first time the service will operate daily with departures from DTW at 8:40p.m. and arriving at 10:09 p.m. into Trenton. Flights from Trenton depart at 6:25p.m. and arrive at 8:07p.m. Both Frontier services will operate with Airbus aircraft.

"Our marketing efforts to lure new air services have paid great dividends in the past year, but only because it has been backed up by a strengthening business environment in Detroit and an emphasis on making Detroit Metro an attractive place to expand through low costs and great facilities," said Joe Cambron, Director of Air Service Development. "I expect more announcements of new service in the coming months with these trends continuing."

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***Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW)** welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2013 and is one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan's largest airport offers more than 1,100 flights per day to and from nearly 150 non-stop destinations on four continents. In 2010, DTW ranked highest in overall customer satisfaction among large airports in the J.D. Power and Associates North America Airport Satisfaction Study. With two award-winning passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an onsite AAA Four-Diamond Westin Hotel, DTW is among the world's most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by **Wayne County Airport Authority**, which also operates nearby **Willow Run Airport**—an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. **The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars to support airport operations.** Visit [www.metroairport.com](http://www.metroairport.com) for more information.*