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Alaska Airlines to Add Non-Stop Service to San Francisco

PHILADELPHIA – Alaska Airlines announced today that it will begin non-stop service between Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) and San Francisco (SFO) starting this summer. The daily flights will launch with a red-eye departing SFO at 10:35 PM on August 31 and arriving in Philadelphia at 7 AM the following morning. The first Alaska departure from PHL to San Francisco is 8:15 AM on September 1 and arrives at SFO at 11:25 AM.

San Francisco will be the third destination served non-stop from PHL by Alaska, which also operates daily service to its home base in Seattle and will begin seasonal summer service to Portland, Oregon in May. Noted for its famous Eskimo face tail, Alaska has been operating in Philadelphia since 2012.

For the ninth year in a row, Alaska was rated "Highest in Customer Satisfaction Among Traditional Carriers in North America" by J.D. Power in 2016.

Since its acquisition of Virgin America earlier this year, Alaska has been rapidly growing its hub in San Francisco. Virgin America previously operated at PHL, offering service to the Bay Area.

"This is terrific news for travelers in the Philadelphia region," said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. "We are very excited that Alaska is adding non-stop service between two great cities to its expanding network. Alaska Airlines has been well received here and we look forward to even more direct service on Alaska."

Currently, American Airlines and United Airlines offer non-stop flights between PHL and San Francisco. Alaska, which has a hub at SFO, flies to 118 destinations in the U.S., Mexico, Canada, Costa Rica and Cuba.

Alaska will operate the PHL-SFO flights on A-320 aircraft.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.