



Spirit Airlines to launch nonstop service between Memphis and Los Angeles on June 7 with a 'Spiritaneous' Giveaway event

Spirit Airlines has announced it will launch daily nonstop service between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) starting June 7. Tickets are on sale at www.spirit.com.

To celebrate, MEM is hosting a "Spiritaneous" — a giveaway named after the spontaneous trip participants take the same day they win. Participants may

Airport parking will be validated for participants.

Three winners will be selected at random and will fly nonstop on Spirit's inaugural flight to Los Angeles (LAX), taking off that same night on June 7 at 8:59 p.m. Each winner will score a pair of roundtrip flights, including 1 checked bag, 1 carry-on, priority boarding, and seat assignment per person. Winners can choose between the June 9 at 1:57 p.m. or June 10 at 1:57 p.m. flights for their return.

The three winners will be announced immediately following the press conference on June 7 at 10:00 a.m. For more details and contest rules, please visit <https://flymemphis.com/mem-spiritaneous-giveaway/>.

Headquartered in Miramar, Florida, Spirit Airlines now serves three destinations from MEM, including Las Vegas, Orlando and now Los Angeles. The airline will operate 182-seat Airbus 320 aircraft for its flights.

"We're proud to deliver the only daily, nonstop flight from Memphis to Los Angeles (LAX), making it more convenient than ever for Bluff City travelers to explore the west coast, and for more people to come and experience all the culture and experiences that Memphis has to offer," said John Kirby, Vice President of Network Planning at Spirit Airlines. "Our Memphis Guests have embraced Spirit's high-value, low-fare service, allowing us to grow and bring More Go to incredible leisure destinations."

"We are excited to see Spirit continuing to grow at MEM," said Michael Keeney, Chairman of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority Board of Commissioners. "More importantly, this flight gives MEM passengers another West Coast option, which has been one of the airport's top air service priorities."

The schedule is as follows:

MEM to LAX

Departs: 8:59 pm (CT)

Arrives: 10:48 pm (PT)

LAX to MEM

Departs: 1:57 pm (PT)

Arrives: 10:48 pm (CT)

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Avelo Airlines to launch nonstop service between Memphis and Raleigh-Durham in June

Avelo Airlines has announced it will launch nonstop service between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) starting June 14. Tickets are now on sale at www.aveloair.com.



Headquartered in Houston, Avelo Airlines becomes the tenth airline serving MEM. The airline will operate 189-seat Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft for the flight. Following an inaugural flight on June 14, the service will run on Monday and Friday.

RDU ranks third on MEM's list of top 10 unserved destinations. The June launch will begin the first MEM-RDU service since February 2015.

Avelo Airlines Chairman and CEO Andrew Levy said, "Memphis – say hello to Avelo! We are excited to take off with Memphis and bring Avelo to the Home of Blues, Soul and Rock 'n' Roll. Getting to The Research Triangle is now more affordable and easier than ever. Avelo's combination of everyday low fares, industry-leading reliability and caring service – coupled with MEM's travel-friendly convenience – will inspire people from across the region to enjoy everything the Raleigh-Durham area has to offer."

"The arrival of Avelo Airlines at MEM provides our passengers with another low-cost travel option and restores service to one of our top unserved destinations," said Michael Keeney, Chairman of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority Board of Commissioners. "We are grateful to Avelo for entering the Memphis market and expect that our passengers will embrace this opportunity to connect to RDU."

Subscribe	Past Issues	Inaugural flight (June 14) RDU to MEM	June 16 & 19 RDU to MEM	Starting June 20 RDU to MEM	Translate ▼
	Departs: 8 am (ET) Arrives: 9:05 am (CT)	Departs: 12:05 pm (ET) Arrives: 1:10 pm (CT)	Departs: 6 pm (ET) Arrives: 7:05 pm (CT)		
	MEM to RDU Departs: 11:05 am (CT) Arrives: 2 pm (ET)	MEM to RDU Departs: 2 pm (CT) Arrives: 4:55 pm (ET)	MEM to RDU Departs: 7:45 pm (CT) Arrives: 10:40 pm (ET)		

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Vacation Express resumes nonstop Memphis-Cancun flights

Vacation Express has resumed its summer nonstop weekly service between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and Cancun International Airport (CUN).

The flights depart on Sundays through July 23, allowing passengers to enjoy six-night vacation packages at a variety of resorts in the Cancun, Riviera Maya and Costa Mujeres areas. The Memphis-Cancun service will be operated by VivaAerobus and will feature 180-seat Airbus 320 aircraft.

"Cancun is one of my favorite places to visit. It's got great locales with many different vibes to choose from. Our all-inclusive vacation packages with exclusive, non-stop flights from Memphis to Cancun save you time and money" said Rene Jongmans, President of Vacation Express.

"Cancun is a very popular summer leisure destination for our passengers," said Michael Keeney, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. "We appreciate the continued commitment that Vacation Express has shown to the Memphis market."

The schedule is as follows:

Memphis to Cancun (Sunday)

Departs: 8:10 am
Arrives: 10:55 am

Cancun to Memphis (Saturday)

Departs: 6:25 pm
Arrives: 8:55 pm



Southwest Airlines to launch service between Memphis and Washington DC on July 11

Southwest Airlines has announced that it will begin daily nonstop service between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) starting July 11. The route will operate through September 4.

Tickets are on sale at www.southwest.com.

DCA brings Southwest's number of destinations from MEM to nine, including Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago (Midway), Dallas (Love Field), Denver, Houston (Hobby), Orlando, Phoenix, and Tampa.

"It's great to see Southwest adding to its number of destinations at MEM," said Michael Keeney, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. "Washington DC is one of our top destinations and we expect that this will be a popular route this summer."

The updated schedule is as follows (subject to change):

Memphis to Washington DC

Departs: 8:25 AM (CT)

Arrives: 11:35 AM (ET)

Departs: 5:05 PM (ET)

Arrives: 6:20 PM (CT)

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MEM sees busiest Memorial Day Weekend travel period since 2008

Over the Memorial Day Weekend travel period, MEM was busting at the seams with passengers eager to get away for the holiday. Parking areas and planes were at maximum capacity. For the six-day Memorial Day Weekend travel period, TSA screened 53,396 passengers and employees through the B and C checkpoints. That's an increase of 17.8% over Memorial Day 2022, and 5.6% from the pre-pandemic Memorial Day of 2019. Many thanks to the employees who worked extra shifts to assist with the flow of passengers in the terminal.

With passenger volumes expected to be high and airlines booked to capacity, MEM is strongly recommending that passengers arrive at the airport **a minimum of two hours before their scheduled departure time**. This is especially important for travelers with early morning flights between 4-7 a.m.

Passenger Travel Tips

- **MEM recommends that travelers arrive at the airport a minimum of TWO HOURS before their scheduled departure time.**

- Passengers should check directly with their airlines to monitor schedules.
- Airlines rather than the airport are responsible for all aspects of ticketing, scheduling, gate operations and baggage handling. Check with your airline if you have questions about these subjects.
- MEM parking lots are likely to reach capacity during peak travel days. When this occurs, additional signage will be added, and additional parking staff will help direct drivers to available parking spots and overflow lots.
- MEM is also prepared to activate an overflow parking area should the economy, short-term and long-term garages reach capacity.
- For convenience, drivers parking in the overflow lot may want to drop off luggage and other passengers at the terminal before parking.
- For the convenience of travelers, overflow parking lots are open and MEM is operating a shuttle between the overflow parking lots and the terminal.

TSA

- The installation of TSA's new Computed Tomography (CT) equipment at MEM was completed in October. With the improved security capabilities of CT equipment at the MEM checkpoints, passengers can now leave their laptop computers, electronic devices and 3-1-1 compliant liquids in their carry-on bags for screening.
- However, there are size limitations for these CT units and all items must fit into the grey divesting bins. The height of the item must not exceed the CT tunnel height. Nothing can be placed directly on the moving belts. All oversized bags must be checked at the airline ticket counters because they will not be accepted for screening at any TSA checkpoint.

Bin size dimensions are as follows:

Width: 19.5 inches

Length: 24.5 inches

CT Tunnel Height: 16.5 inches

- Travelers are encouraged to examine carry-on luggage to ensure no prohibited items are contained within, and review the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA's) [list of prohibited items](#).
- Firearms in carry-on bags are prohibited by federal law. Firearms can be transported in checked baggage if they are properly declared to the airline and packed [in accordance with TSA guidelines](#).

Additional Links

- [Flight Information](#)
- [Interactive 3D Map](#)
- [Parking](#)
- [Ground Transportation](#)



Airport Authority board passes FY 2024 budget

\$156.3 million budget includes CRRSAA funds

The Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA) Board of Commissioners voted Thursday to approve a balanced MSCAA budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024).

The \$156.3 million Operations and Maintenance (O&M) budget sets the fees and charges that the airlines pay to the Airport Authority and establishes spending authority for MSCAA operations. This budget does not include construction project expenditures.

The MSCAA budget was unanimously supported by Memphis International Airport's airline committee partners and was approved by the Board's Finance and Administration Committee. MSCAA is self-funded and receives no local tax revenue from the City of Memphis or Shelby County.

For the upcoming fiscal year 2024, operating revenues are projected to be up by 14.6% compared to the previous year. This projected increase in revenue is due primarily to more traditional parking levels and increases in passenger traffic. The increase in total revenue will be supplemented with \$5.9 million in federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) funding and \$6.2 million in surplus funds that will carry over from the prior FY2023 operations. In addition, MSCAA increased operating expenses, debt service, and capital outlay by 9.0%. The increase in operating expenses for FY 2024 reflects the impacts of inflationary pressures, increased personnel

expenses (wages, benefits, and new positions), and supply chain challenges. This budget increases terminal rates and charges to \$81.87 average per square foot charge compared to \$71.24 per square foot in FY 2023. Airline terminal rental fees are calculated by dividing the terminal's net operating cost by the total rented space. The terminal rate increase also includes the impact of increased debt service for the new concourse that opened in February 2022.

Landing fees increased to \$1.5509 per 1,000 lbs. of landed weight compared to last year's rate of \$1.4372. The increase in landing fees was expected and approved by airlines due to the opening and operation of the new \$309 million Centralized Deicing Facility during the 2022/23 winter season. The addition of federal CRRSAA funding helped mitigate MEM's rate increases.

Terminal rent and landing fees comprise a small percentage of the airlines' overall operating costs at airports and do not have a material effect on airfares.

"Our team at MSCAA continually works to ensure that the organization is financially sound and well positioned for the future," said Michael Keeney, Chairman of the MSCAA Board of Commissioners. "It's no secret that inflation has increased costs significantly across the globe, but we continue to keep costs as low as possible for our airlines and tenants."

Highlights of the FY 2024 MSCAA budget:

- Total revenues/other sources: \$156,317,800
- Total expenses, capital outlay, debt service, and debt service coverage: \$143,835,400
- Landing fees: \$1.5509 /thousand lbs., compared to \$1.4372 last year
- Terminal square foot rate: \$81.87, compared to \$71.24 last year

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Delta Air Lines launches new nonstop service between Memphis and Boston

Delta Air Lines has launched daily nonstop service between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and Boston Logan International Airport (BOS). The first flight departed at 7 a.m. on the morning of Monday, May 8.

Delta is utilizing a 76-seat Embraer 175 aircraft for the route, which will operate daily. Tickets are on sale at www.delta.com.

The Boston flight brings Delta's number of destinations at MEM to seven, joining Atlanta, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York (LGA), and Salt Lake City.

"Delta's addition of this route is an exciting development for our passengers and adds another option between Memphis and Boston," said Michael Keeney, Chairman of the Memphis-Shelby County Board of Commissioners. "With passenger numbers increasing, it's great to see additional routes being added at MEM."

Schedule

Memphis to Boston

- Departs: 7 a.m. (CST)
- Arrives: 11:13 a.m. (EST)

Boston to Memphis

- Departs: 7:15 p.m. (EST)

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First Place, Painting:
Conner Hall, Arlington High School
"A Wild Night In Memphis"



First Place, Photography:
Isabella Null, Bartlett High School
"I Am a Man"

2023 MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION / EXHIBITION

Memphis International Airport announces winners of 16th Annual High School Visual Arts & Photography Competition

Memphis International Airport (MEM) has announced the winners of its 16th Annual High School Visual Arts & Photography Competition.

This year's winners are as follows:

Paintings

- 1st – "A Wild Night in Memphis" – Conner Hall, Arlington High School
- 2nd – "Love and Happiness" – Raven Fletcher, Collierville High School
- 3rd – "Impressions of Beale Street" – Angelina Tan, Germantown High School



"A Wild Night in Memphis"
Conner Hall
Arlington High School



"Love and Happiness"
Raven Fletcher
Collierville High School



"Impressions of Beale Street"
Angelina Tan
Germantown High School

Photographs

- 1st – "I Am A Man" – Isabella Null, Bartlett High School
2nd – "Majestic Memphis" – Jude Maurette, Christian Brothers High School
3rd – "Evergreen Ghost" – Jack Johnson, Christian Brothers High School



"I Am A Man"
Isabella Null
Bartlett High School



"Majestic Memphis"
Jude Maurette
Christian Brothers High School



"Evergreen Ghost"
Jack Johnson
Christian Brothers High School

The winners were selected by a panel of judges from the local art community, including representatives from the University of Memphis, UrbanArt Commission, Christian Brothers University, Hooks Institute, Urevbu Contemporary and the Dixon Gallery and Gardens. There were nine judges this year. The airport received 163 painting submissions for the contest with 45 selected as finalists. There were 116 photography submissions, from which 42 finalists were chosen. A video for the contest and awards ceremony is being produced by CityCURRENT and is scheduled to air on WKNO this summer.

"We are excited to once again showcase the incredible artistic talents of our

local students," said Scott Brockman, President and CEO of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. "This artwork is a wonderful way to welcome passengers to our community."

Students are provided art supplies by the airport's community foundation for the contest, and the finalists' pieces are displayed throughout the airport for one year. Most pieces are available for purchase by the public, and all proceeds go directly to the student artist. Some airport retailers may also sell items that feature students' artwork, with proceeds from those sales going to help purchase art supplies for the contest. Over the next few weeks, the 2023 finalist paintings and photographs will be installed in the baggage claim area and will remain on display for one year.

Online galleries can be found below:

Paintings: <https://flymemphis.com/arts-in-the-airport-2023-paintings/>

Photography: <https://flymemphis.com/arts-in-the-airport-2023-photos/>



MEM and partners win Project of the Year Award at the 2023 SEC-AAAE Annual Conference

Memphis International Airport, along with design and development partner companies Alliance, UrbanArch, and Kimley Horn received the SEC-AAAE's Project of the Year Award for the modernization of the B concourse and the new consolidated deicing facility. Congratulations to the team that made these massive improvements come to life at MEM!

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Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA) is hiring for several positions

Do you know someone who'd make a great member of First Team MEM? Here are the positions currently open to applicants:

- Seasonal Utility Operator
- Airfield Electrician
- Building Maintenance Electrician
- Maintenance Service Technician

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