

BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Welcomes Norwegian Air Shuttle to its International Lineup

New Airline for BWI Marshall, New Markets, and More Low-Fare International Service

Today, Maryland transportation and business leaders celebrated the latest addition to Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport's international air service – Norwegian Air Shuttle. Norwegian's first flight into BWI Marshall is scheduled to arrive prior to noon today, marking the beginning of service to and from the French Caribbean destinations Martinique and Guadeloupe. These locations are the fifth and sixth international destinations added to BWI Marshall this year, and Norwegian is the third international airline added in 2015.

“Norwegian and BWI Marshall will make perfect partners with the combination of their low-cost international flights and BWI's reputation as the low-fare airport with easy-come, easy-go customer service,” said Maryland Transportation Secretary Pete K. Rahn.

Norwegian will operate its seasonal service to Martinique and Guadeloupe with two roundtrip flights per week between BWI Marshall and each market. The Norwegian service between BWI Marshall and Martinique will operate on Mondays and Fridays, starting today. The service between BWI Marshall and Guadeloupe will operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays, starting tomorrow. The airline will use its 737-800 aircraft for the new international routes.

“BWI Marshall's continued success relies on excellent customer service and growth,” said Ricky Smith, Chief Executive Officer for BWI Marshall. “Thanks to increased international service, we are setting records and helping fuel Maryland's economy. We look forward to a long, prosperous partnership with Norwegian.”

International air service continues to grow at BWI Marshall. International passenger traffic has increased 31 percent this year, from January to October, compared to the same time last year. Overall passenger traffic continues to grow at BWI Marshall, including a new all-time busiest month in July 2015, with more than 2.3 million passengers.

To help meet the needs of Norwegian and other international airlines, the D/E Connector construction program is underway. Once complete, this multi-phase development will improve passenger access by connecting the International Terminal and Concourse D and by adding gates to accommodate further international service.

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