

## **AirTran Airways Announces New International Service from BWI Marshall Airport to Aruba**

### **First new international route for airline following acquisition by Southwest Airlines**

AirTran Airways, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Airlines, announced last evening that it would offer nonstop service on Saturdays and Sundays between Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and Aruba. The new international service is scheduled to start on December 17, 2011.

The service is the first new international route announced by AirTran Airways since the airline was acquired by Southwest Airlines. Aruba is the most recent international or Caribbean route to be offered by AirTran from BWI Marshall Airport. AirTran currently operates nonstop service from BWI Marshall to Bermuda, Montego Bay, Cancun, Nassau, and San Juan. The flight will operate from BWI Marshall Airport's convenient, efficient terminal A/B following the planned move by AirTran to the facility later this year.

"Travelers from throughout this region will enjoy nonstop access to Aruba, with its world-renowned beaches, outstanding weather, and island hospitality," said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Executive Director of BWI Marshall Airport. "Aruba joins a number of other international destinations easily accessible from BWI Marshall."

Fares start as low as \$159 each way for AirTran travelers to fly to Aruba for the holiday season and beyond. Customers should check with [www.airtran.com](http://www.airtran.com) for availability and restrictions.

The new route announced last evening by AirTran is the second recent international market recently added to BWI Marshall, following Freeport, Grand Bahama Island. Passenger traffic at the Airport has grown for 16 straight months, and for 24 of the past 25 months. BWI Marshall Airport has set monthly passenger records in 13 of the past 14 months. Over the past 12 months, through June 2011, total passenger traffic at BWI Marshall has climbed 5.5 percent to 22,488,838, also a new record.

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