

BWI Thurgood Marshall Celebrates New Service from Spirit Airlines

Spirit starts flights to Fort Lauderdale, Dallas/Fort Worth

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport today welcomed the start of service from Spirit Airlines, a new carrier for the Airport. Spirit began flights today between BWI Marshall and its focus cities of Fort Lauderdale and Dallas/Fort Worth. From those markets, travelers can connect to other Spirit cities, including international destinations in Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

“Spirit Airlines will provide excellent low fare travel opportunities for local residents and visitors,” said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Executive Director of BWI Marshall Airport. “Spirit is a growing airline, and we are pleased to see the carrier continue its expansion here at BWI Marshall. New airlines and new flights at BWI Marshall offer further evidence of this market’s strength. The Maryland and National Capital region remains very attractive for airline service.”

Spirit offers twice daily roundtrip flights between BWI Marshall and Fort Lauderdale, and one daily roundtrip flight between BWI Marshall and Dallas/Fort Worth. The airline will operate from Concourse C at the Airport using its 178-seat Airbus A320 aircraft. Spirit has been providing service to Fort Lauderdale from this region for nine years. Today, the carrier is relocating its operations from Reagan National Airport to BWI Marshall and adding service to Dallas/Fort Worth.

“Our new location at BWI allows us to better serve our customers from throughout the entire Baltimore/Washington region,” says Mark Kopczak, Maryland native and Spirit’s Senior Director of Network Planning. “BWI provides Spirit with better scheduling flexibility and the ability to add flights to more cities nonstop, which ultimately translates to better service and more low fare options for our customers. Our new nonstop service to Dallas/Fort Worth is a perfect example of the flexibility that BWI provides us.”

Spirit Airlines promotes itself as an airline that offers ultra low base airfares, with a number of optional, fee-based travel services. Average domestic airfares at BWI Marshall remain well-below the national average and among the lowest of any major U.S. airport, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

Passenger traffic has grown steadily at BWI Marshall in recent years. 2011 was a new record year for BWI Marshall, with passenger traffic increasing 2.1 percent to 22.4 million passengers. The Airport has seen further growth and success in 2012. July was a new all-time monthly record for passenger traffic at BWI Marshall with over 2.2 million passengers.

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