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## APPLETON AIRPORT ADDS NON-STOP FLIGHT TO WEST COAST

*Allegiant Airlines announces service to Portland, Oregon*

**(APPLETON, Wis.) Feb. 20, 2023**– Wisconsin travelers can now travel to 16 destinations non-stop from Appleton International Airport (ATW) with the announcement of yet another market served by Allegiant Airlines. Allegiant will operate a non-stop flight from Appleton to Portland, Oregon from June 15-August 13.

Allegiant is announcing eight additional routes nationwide, and Appleton is one of the airports in the nation to be selected for expansion. Service to Portland be on Thursdays and Sundays. The Portland Airport is located within easy driving distance of the Cascade Mountain range and stately peaks like Mt. Hood, Mt. Saint Helens, or the Columbia River Gorge are nearby.

“We are proud to partner with Allegiant to open up more vacation destinations for Wisconsin travelers,” said Abe Weber, Appleton airport director. “It’s clear consumers in our state and the Upper Peninsula are planning their vacations through the Appleton airport for the convenience of our non-stop flights.”

“Our partnership with Allegiant Airlines is one more example of how the Appleton International Airport is one of the economic engines of the Fox Valley and Northeast Wisconsin,” said Outagamie County Executive Thomas Nelson. “We’re proud of the growth of this service for both vacation and business travelers.”

Allegiant has been flying out of Appleton since 2013 and in that time has rapidly expanded the number of flights serving the airport. Originally the carrier featured warm weather destinations for consumers but expanded both routes and destinations since that time. The carrier has also increased the size of planes now flying Airbus 320 planes that seat up to 186 passengers. Currently, Allegiant offers non-stop flights from Appleton to these airports:

- Portland, Oregon
- Phoenix/Mesa, Arizona
- Nashville, Tennessee
- Las Vegas, Nevada
- Denver, Colorado
- Savannah/Hilton Head, Georgia
- Flights to Florida include: Ft. Lauderdale/Miami, Orlando/Daytona Beach, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Sarasota/Bradenton, Ft. Meyers/Punta Gorda

Appleton is the only airport in Wisconsin served by Allegiant. In addition, carriers that serve the Appleton airport also fly non-stop to Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Detroit on other domestic carriers.

### **ATW plans for busy spring break season**

Airport officials say the announcement comes just before the busy spring break travel season. Weber recommends making plans for spring break right now to get the best fares and most convenient flights.

Travelers can also reduce travel stress by taking advantage of tips from the team at the Appleton Airport.

“We have some unique customer service features that are designed to make it easy to travel though our airport,” said Jesse Funk, Air Service & Business Development Manager for Appleton Airport. The [ATW Express services](#) include a free coat check for travelers leaving chilly Wisconsin temperatures for a warmer climate. ExpressPark is a valet parking service that allows travelers to drop their car at the main door of the airport, leave the keys at the desk, and pay through a link contained in a text message when they return. The car will be waiting just outside the main doors upon return with the windshield cleared of snow and ice. There is no cost difference between ExpressPark and regular long-term parking.

Funk also gives these tips for an easier spring break travel season:

- Download your airline’s app on your smartphone and use it to check in the day prior to departure.
- Allow yourself extra time since more people than usual are traveling.
- Familiarize yourself with TSA rules and pay close attention to what can and cannot be brought on an airplane. For more detailed info go to: <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/whatcanibring/all>
- Arrange ground transportation (rental cars, ride services) prior to departure.

Above all, Funk says to pack your patience as staffing shortages, changing weather, and increased demand are all affecting air travel. “It’s great news that more people are flying again, and a little pre-planning can take many of hassles out of flying.”

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### **About Appleton International Airport**

[Appleton International Airport](#) connects our community to the world through American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and Allegiant Air. In addition to offering nonstop service to 15 destinations, Appleton Airport connects to six major international airport hubs from which travelers can fly to almost anywhere in the world. Using Appleton Airport, travelers can safely and more conveniently get to their destination and home again, leaving them more time for what really matters. Appleton International Airport is the third largest airport in Wisconsin according to arrivals and departures. Visit [atwairport.com](http://atwairport.com) to learn more.