

AMERICAN AIRLINES ANNOUNCES DIRECT FLIGHT TO DALLAS

ATW expands non-stop service to Charlotte year round

(Appleton, Wis.) Dec. 19, 2023—American Airlines announced it will begin direct flights from Appleton International Airport (ATW) to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) starting June 6, 2024. The new flight will provide daily service to DFW with flights departing ATW every morning. This is the third non-stop route expansion announced by the Appleton Airport this year.

"This is a significant expansion for business travelers seeking a fast, direct route to Dallas and beyond," said Abe Weber, Appleton airport director. "American Airlines has been servicing the Appleton airport since July 2017 and this is their first direct route expansion since November 2020."

Additionally, Weber confirmed the non-stop American Airlines flight to Charlotte, North Carolina (CLT) will move from seasonal operation to year-round operation. That flight began service in November 2020 as a seasonal route in winter.

"American is thrilled to offer the only nonstop service from ATW to Texas, linking northern Wisconsin to our hub at DFW where we'll operate more than 850 daily flights next summer to more than 230 destinations," said Joe Sottile, American Airlines Director of Domestic and Short-Haul International Network Planning. "When combined with now year-round service to our CLT hub and our longstanding service to ORD, American is excited to offer convenient connectivity for ATW travelers to destinations across the U.S. and around the world."

"Our primary goal is to offer travelers in Northeast Wisconsin a fast, convenient way to connect to the world through Appleton," Weber said. "Being able to offer direct flights to major hubs like Dallas/Ft. Worth only positions the Fox Cities as a progressive location for business and future economic development."

With this expansion, the Appleton airport offers 18 nonstop destinations. More than 285 domestic destinations are accessible with one additional stop; travelers can access more than 90 international destinations with one stop.

"Our airport is the most important piece of economic real estate in Northeast Wisconsin," said Outagamie County Executive Thomas Nelson. "This amount of growth is due in part to healthy community support and collaboration with economic development partners in our region."

According to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Appleton airport is the fastest-growing airport in Wisconsin and is the state's third busiest behind Madison and Milwaukee. Airport officials anticipate 948,000 arrivals and departures by the end of this year and forecast nearly 1-million arrivals and departures in 2024. The airport is served by Allegiant Airlines, American Airlines, Delta, and United Airlines.

Flight times are subject to change, but the new routes will arrive and depart as follows:

- Dallas: flight leaves ATW at 7 a.m. and lands in DFW at 9:35 a.m.; flights will depart DFW at 6:30 p.m. and arrive at ATW at 8:55 p.m.
- Charlotte: flight will depart CLT at 2:30 p.m. and arrive at ATW at 3:51 p.m.; flights will depart ATW at 4:21 p.m. and arrive at CLT by 7:43 p.m.

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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 18 destinations, Appleton Airport connects to 11 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 <u>atwairport.com</u> to learn more.