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Noting the Numbers, Sharing Tips for Tackling Holiday Travel

At Portland International Airport, and airports around the country, late November means one thing: Holiday Travel. The days are shorter, the lines longer, flights and bellies fuller.

At PDX, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 22) and the Sunday following the holiday (Nov. 26) are the top two days where travel numbers peak—on each of those days, PDX expects to welcome nearly 63,000 travelers, compared to the 51,600 daily average.

The total traveler count predicted for the 5-day Thanksgiving period is 266,000. PDX expects to end the 2017 calendar year welcoming more than 19 million travelers, marking the fifth consecutive record-breaking year.

Here are five quick reminders to make traveling to and through PDX smooth, stress-free and dare we suggest, enjoyable this Thanksgiving.

- **Arrive early** – plan to arrive at least two hours before your scheduled departure; three hours prior for travelers on international flights, or with children, or with disabilities or medical conditions that could impact travel.
- **Plan your parking strategy** – check real-time parking information on flypdx.com to see what's available in the short-term, long-term and economy lots prior to arriving at the airport. Or, use the new cell phone waiting area, located adjacent to food and fuel, to coordinate picking up family and friends and avoid roadway congestion.
- **Use the new pick-up locator numbers** – these numbers on the lower roadway's curbside columns mark specific locations, making it easier to connect with arriving travelers.

- **Pack properly** – Review the [TSA's list](#) of what can be packed in checked luggage and what can be carried on the aircraft, make sure to know what can fly and what needs to stay at home.
- **Say thank you** – many airport employees work hard to get you where you need to go for the holidays, and every day. Remember these folks with a quick smile and word of thanks as you head out on your holiday travels.

Not traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday? You can still get into the holiday travel spirit with the airport's "Winter Wonderland" celebration. Enter online for your chance to [win two tickets](#) on Aeromexico's nonstop service to Mexico City, which begins December 1, 2017.

For the latest airport news and information, visit www.pdx.com, or [@flyPDX on Twitter](#), or the airport's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/flypdx. You can also follow the airport on Instagram: @pdxairport.

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