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PORTLAND, ORE. (June 11, 2014) – Summer Travel Starts to Sizzle at PDX

Summer travel heats up at Portland International Airport this week, offering passengers more options to fly, helpful travel tips, and a chance to win free airfare.

Record travel expected

PDX expects to serve nearly 4.6 million passengers from June through August, which would beat last summer's all-time travel record by nearly 6 percent. During the busiest travel days, the airport will serve more than 54,000 passengers daily. This increase is caused by new flight options, strong passenger demand and larger aircraft.

New route options

A host of new nonstop flight options are available for PDX travelers:

Baltimore — Daily flights from June 8 to Sept. 1 on Southwest Airlines.

Chicago—Daily flights through Nov. 1 to Chicago O'Hare on Spirit Airlines.

Houston — Daily flights from June 8 to Aug. 8 to Houston Hobby on Southwest.

Kalispell, Mont.— Daily flights from June 9 to Aug. 23 on Alaska Airlines.

San Diego— Two daily year-round flights start June 8 on Southwest.

Salt Lake City— Two daily year-round flights begin June 9 on Alaska.

Seattle—Five daily year-round flights start Aug. 1 on Delta Air Lines.

St. Louis—Flights on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from June 15 to Sept. 6 on Frontier Airline.

Prepare for roadway delays

Motorists should expect some traffic delays and detours due to PDX roadway construction.

Ramp construction on the Mt. Hood Avenue Overpass at Northeast Airport Way, which leads to Cascade Station, will continue through early November. Also, work rehabilitating the roadway in front of the terminal building runs through mid-September. Motorists should allow extra time to reach their destinations and are encouraged to park in the garage or economy lot to avoid traffic congestion. Roadway construction signs will alert motorists of delays and outline any detour routes.

Arrive early, fly happy

PDX encourages travelers to arrive at least two hours before their flights. This is the combined time it takes to park, ride a shuttle bus to the terminal, check a bag, and go through security. It's especially true for flights departing before 8 a.m., or between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Travelers on international flights, or with children, or with disabilities should add 30 minutes to get to their flight. Those traveling at other times should allow at least 90 minutes.

Travelers can find more PDX travel tips at www.pdx.com, and can stay in touch with new developments at PDX on Twitter [@flypdx](https://twitter.com/flypdx). Transportation Security Administration travel tips and a complete list of items prohibited on flights are at www.tsa.gov.

A chance to win, enjoy

Travelers can enter to win a \$1,000 travel gift card redeemable for round-trip air travel from PDX to any Spirit Airlines destinations. Contest rules and entry forms are available online and at the airport. Travelers can also enjoy performances by dozens of talented musicians and vocalists. Many stores and restaurants are participating with food and merchandise promotions, and extending operating hours to accommodate summer flight schedules.