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Southwest Airlines Adds Nonstops from BHM to Two Popular Destinations During the Busy Holiday Travel Season

Flights to Phoenix and Nashville added to Fall Schedule

BIRMINGHAM, AL (May 23, 2024) – If "Phoenix in the fall" sounds like fun, you can get there nonstop from Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM) during the month of November. Southwest Airlines has added nonstop flights to Phoenix and Nashville during this time to test how the market responds. The nonstop flights to Nashville are currently scheduled to continue through early January 2025.

"This is an opportunity to show Southwest that this community can and will support additional nonstop flights," said Ron Mathieu, President and CEO of the Birmingham Airport Authority.

The additions to Southwest offerings at BHM come at a time when traffic is growing at a rapid pace. In April, enplanements were up 11% over April of 2023. "With more passengers choosing to fly out of the airport and a robust economic outlook in this region, there's every reason to be optimistic about future growth," said Mathieu. Southwest Airlines will also offer nonstop service between BHM and Milwaukee (MKE) for the Alabama vs Wisconsin football game over the weekend of September 13-15th. Alabama fans who would like to book the nonstop roundtrip are encouraged to do so soon before the flights fill up.

Last year, BHM welcomed more than 3 million passengers through the airport, an increase of 14% over 2022. BHM is the largest airport in the state of Alabama, offering nonstop service to 20 airport destinations in 17 cities across the U.S. BHM is served by the 4 major U.S. based carriers with more than 100 flights a day.

As Alabama's largest commercial airport, Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport has served as a gateway to the sky for 92 years. Governed by the Birmingham Airport Authority, the airport continues to be a catalyst for growth and economic development for the entire region. For more information, visit flybhm.com or follow BHM on Facebook , Twitter , Instagram , and LinkedIn .
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