

Punta Gorda Airport welcomes new, nonstop service from Frontier Airlines starting this fall



PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (July 25, 2016) – Frontier Airlines will begin scheduled, nonstop flights from Punta Gorda Airport to Chicago O’Hare, Philadelphia and Trenton, New Jersey in late October. This is the first time Frontier Airlines will offer service out of Punta Gorda Airport.

Service for Chicago O’Hare and Philadelphia will begin Oct. 30, with scheduled flights on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; Trenton service will start Oct. 31 with flights on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays:

- 8:15 a.m. Chicago O’Hare to Punta Gorda; 1:10 p.m. Punta Gorda to Chicago O’Hare
- 4:20 p.m. Philadelphia to Punta Gorda; 8:10 p.m. Punta Gorda to Philadelphia
- 6 a.m. Trenton to Punta Gorda; 10:15 a.m. Punta Gorda to Trenton

Special introductory fares are available at www.flyfrontier.com. When booking flights, customers can opt for Frontier’s bundled choice, The WORKS, which contains the airline’s most popular options for one low price, including one carry-on bag, one checked bag, best available seat including Stretch and Exit Row options, full refundability when canceled at least 24 hours prior to scheduled departure, no change fees and priority boarding.

“Punta Gorda offers travelers another great option when looking for warm weather getaways during the cold weather months in the northern part of the United States,” said Daniel Shurz, senior vice president – commercial, Frontier Airlines. “We’re excited to offer travelers in the Midwest and on the East Coast nonstop service to a great vacation spot.”

Frontier is the second airline service to provide nonstop service for passengers at Punta Gorda Airport, the result of long-term efforts by the Charlotte County Airport Authority to attract additional low-cost airline service providers. Allegiant Air offers nonstop service to 30 cities across the U.S.

“We are proud to welcome Frontier Airlines to Punta Gorda Airport,” said Charlotte County Airport Authority Executive Director Gary Quill. “Our goal is continued growth, and it is with new partners like Frontier Airlines that we can meet increasing travel needs and offer expanded destination options for Southwest Florida residents and visitors.”

The Charlotte County Airport Authority expects to serve more than 1 million passengers this year at Punta Gorda Airport. Passenger counts have increased for the past 32 months, with the rolling 12-month passenger count totaling 972,316. It recently completed a two-year terminal expansion program that culminated with the May opening of a new 40,000-square-foot facility, including additional gates, check-in counters, baggage claim belts and security checkpoints.

Quill added, “For the past several years, we have worked hard to prepare for more flights and passengers. With both Frontier and Allegiant, we are well-poised to continue this progress.”

Frontier Airlines is headquartered in Denver and currently serves more than 40 cities in the United States, Mexico and Jamaica on more than 275 daily flights with more than 3,000 hard-working, aviation professionals. A recipient of the Federal Aviation Administration’s 2014 Diamond Award for maintenance excellence, they were recently named the industry’s most fuel-efficient airline by The International Council on Clean Transportation as a result of superior technology and operational efficiency. To learn more or to book a flight, visit www.flyfrontier.com.

The Charlotte County Airport Authority was awarded Florida Department of Transportation’s 2016 Outstanding Commercial Service Airport of the Year Award in recognition of Punta Gorda Airport’s superior achievement. The Federal Aviation Administration awarded its 2015 Air Carrier Airport Safety Award for the Southern Region to Punta Gorda Airport for its safety improvements and enhancements.

The Charlotte County Airport Authority, governed by five elected commissioners, owns and operates the Punta Gorda Airport, located at 28000 Airport Road in Punta Gorda. The Airport Authority is a nontaxing entity and operates as an enterprise fund, totally supported by revenue generated from its operations, including rental car concession, parking, fuel sales and hangar, building and land leases. For more information, visit www.flypgd.com.