



Southwest to Enhance Dayton Service Through Midway Hub

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Dayton travelers will soon have greater accessibility to even more travel destinations, thanks to a recent announcement from Southwest Airlines.

Beginning in April 2016, Southwest Airlines will shift all of its Dayton service to fly to its Chicago Midway International Airport hub. Currently Southwest Airlines flies to three destination cities from Dayton: Baltimore, Denver and Orlando (plus Tampa, seasonally). As of spring 2016, all Southwest Airlines flights from Dayton will be Chicago-bound.

From Midway, passengers will be able to connect to any of 243 daily direct flights to 62 U.S. cities and 11 daily direct flights to eight international destinations.

Instead of flights to three non-stop destinations, the airline will provide three daily flights to Midway International Airport, which provides easier access to the city center of Chicago.

Southwest's Dayton to Midway service will be provided on Boeing 737-700 aircraft with 143 seats.

"We are excited about the opportunity this presents Dayton travelers," said Terrence Slaybaugh, director of Dayton International Airport. "This shift in

service will provide even more connectivity to more destinations than Southwest currently offers from Dayton. Passengers will have greater accessibility to many more flights, getting them to more destinations. Because of this, passengers will be less likely to become stranded due to unforeseen cancellations of their flight."

Historically, Chicago has been one of Dayton's highest priced markets, but this move from Southwest will aim to create a competitive pricing environment with United Airlines and American Airlines, which currently offer non-stop flights from Dayton to Chicago O'Hare International Airport. With three airlines providing twelve daily flights to Chicago, the competition is set to drive down prices and offer some relief to Dayton travelers.

Baltimore, Denver and Orlando service from Dayton will continue to be provided by Southwest Airlines throughout the upcoming busy holiday season. These non-stop destinations will remain until April 11, 2016.

For more information on Dayton International Airport, including flight reservations, go to flydayton.com.

The daily Southwest schedule will be:

FLIGHT # ORIGIN DESTINATION DEPART ARRIVE

3193	DAY	MDW	6:20 AM	6:25 AM
2295	MDW	DAY	9:40 AM	11:45 AM
4072	DAY	MDW	12:15 PM	12:25 PM
874	MDW	DAY	1:45 PM	3:50 PM
1177	DAY	MDW	4:20 PM	4:30 PM
2277	MDW	DAY	9:50 PM	11:55 PM

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