



Southwest to Serve Midway from Des Moines

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DALLAS—Feb. 20, 2012—Southwest Airlines (NYSE: LUV) and its wholly owned subsidiary AirTran Airways announced today new nonstop routes as they extend their flight schedules for travel bookings out through Nov. 2, 2012. Southwest announced new nonstop service between Detroit and Las Vegas and AirTran announced new nonstop **service between Des Moines and Chicago Midway**. In addition, Southwest will now operate two daily nonstop flights between Atlanta and San Francisco as it transitions this route from an AirTran-operated city pair to one operated by Southwest. Southwest also will initiate one daily nonstop flight between Atlanta and Orlando, with AirTran continuing its nine daily flights between these cities.

To book flights, please visit: www.southwest.com or www.airtran.com.

Des Moines International Airport Executive Director Don Smithey explains, “Southwest/AirTran will replace the current Milwaukee service with service to Chicago’s Midway Airport (MDW). An early search of fares shows an introductory round-trip rate of \$184. This is very good news for Des Moines and central Iowa”

The seven-days per week service will begin on **September 30, 2012**. Following are the flight times:

Sunday-Friday

Depart DSM 7:25am/Arrive MDW 8:35am
Depart MDW 12:05 pm/Arrive DSM 1:13pm
Depart DSM 1:55pm/Arrive MDW 3:05pm
Depart MDW 8:00pm/Arrive DSM 9:08pm

Saturday

Depart DSM 6:50am/Arrive MDW 8:00am
Depart MDW 12:35pm/Arrive DSM 1:43pm
Depart DSM 2:30pm/Arrive MDW 3:40pm
Depart MDW 5:10pm/Arrive DSM 6:18pm