

DC bound: United inaugurates non-stop service

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United Airlines beginning April 3, launches non-stop service from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport to Dulles International Airport.

“Increased competition among airlines flying between the Twin Cities and Washington, D.C., is great for consumers, offering more scheduling alternatives and keeping fares in check,” said Jeff Hamiel, executive director of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, which owns and operates Minneapolis-St. Paul International (MSP) and six general aviation airports. “Travelers flying United Airlines to Dulles International Airport can connect from there to dozens of domestic and international destinations.”

United Airlines will offer two flights a day from MSP to Dulles International, with departures at 12:15 p.m. and 5:22 or 5:35 p.m., depending on day of the week. Return flights arrive at 10:21 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. daily.

“We are pleased to link the Twin Cities with our Washington hub,” said Ted Phillips, United’s managing director of domestic scheduling. “This new service will offer additional choice and convenience to travelers throughout the region, providing new options for travel to and from cities throughout the east, the Caribbean and across the Atlantic.”

Washington Dulles International Airport is one of United’s principal transatlantic gateways, from which the airline offers 300 daily departures to points throughout the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

The new Minneapolis-Washington route will be served by Embraer 170 aircraft operated by United Express carrier Shuttle America. The aircraft offer six seats in United First along with Economy and Economy Plus seating.

Delta is the only other airline offering non-stop service between MSP and Washington, D.C. Sun Country Airlines recently announced Washington, D.C. service with a stop in Lansing, MI.