

Sonoma County Airport Goes Big with Nonstop Daily Flights to the Lone Star State, Starting June 2019

American Airlines expanding its services from STS to DFW and LAX in 2019. Tickets on sale starting December 17

Santa Rosa, Calif. (December 13, 2018) — <u>Charles M. Schulz — Sonoma County Airport</u> (STS) is excited to announce expanded air service on American Airlines to Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) beginning June 2019, and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) starting May 2019. The Airport has been working on expanding its eastbound flight options, and service to Dallas is great news. DFW is the second largest metropolitan airport hub east of California. STS— DFW is a win for travelers and tourism alike, opening up endless travel possibilities and boosting tourism in all destinations.

DFW Connections Galore

American Airlines' massive network connects to over 130 destinations worldwide from DFW — great news for regional travelers heading east or Texans looking to visit Northern California Wine Country. The myriad of travel opportunities this represents makes for an exciting endeavor.

The daily seasonal service from STS to DFW will be on American's Embraer 175, a 76-seat jet aircraft operated by American Eagle on behalf of American Airlines, with three seating class options to choose from.

Expanded, Expedited In-State Travel

With American Airlines expanding its network to include daily seasonal flights to Los Angeles (LAX) from STS, the route ensures more expedited in-state travel for business *or pleasure* to and from STS.

Sonoma County travel and tourism leadership is heralding the news

"We are delighted that American Airlines is making an additional investment in Charles M. Schulz –Sonoma County Airport," said Peter Rumble, Santa Rosa Metro Chamber CEO. "It's gratifying for airlines to see what we already know – Santa Rosa is a great place for both business and leisure travelers to visit." "The County is thrilled American Airlines is taking this step. Offering flights from Sonoma County to their largest east bound hub is great news. I am personally so pleased to see more options for our community, and love the fact that we can now fly anywhere at any time, all from our local Airport. Thank you American!"

-James Gore, Sonoma County Supervisor

"American Airlines' expanded schedule to and from Dallas makes it easier for travelers from the Midwest and the East Coast to enjoy all that Sonoma County has to offer," said Brad Calkins, Executive Director of Visit Santa Rosa. "It's a wonderful option for people coming in to enjoy Sonoma County. It's also wonderful for people traveling from Sonoma County, as this new route will open up another major hub for east bound travelers."

"The Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex is incredibly important for Sonoma County. Not only is this a significant market for travelers coming into the region, but the DFW airport is a key hub for domestic and international travel. We congratulate the Airport (STS) for securing this service and look forward to continuing work with American Airlines on promoting this route," says Claudia Vecchio, President & CEO Sonoma County Tourism.

Tickets for both destinations are on sale starting December 17, 2018 at American Airlines, <u>www.aa.com</u>.

About Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport (STS)

Located in the heart of Northern California's world-renowned Wine Country, STS is the only airport that offers scheduled air service into the North Bay region. Daily nonstop flights include: Alaska[®] Airlines to Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, Portland, and Seattle; American Airlines to Dallas (2019), Los Angeles (2019), and Phoenix Sky Harbor; seasonal flights on Sun Country Airlines[®] to Minnesota and Las Vegas, and United Airlines to Denver and San Francisco. All Airlines offer a wide-range of connecting flights to destinations in the continental U.S., Mexico, and beyond.

Offering a hassle-free experience with shorter lines, the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport also features convenient ground transportation, easy and affordable parking with electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, the Alaska Airlines Wine Flies Free program and the on-site Sky Lounge Steakhouse & Sushi Bar.

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