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Tucson International Airport **Holiday Travel 2007**

The holiday season at Tucson International Airport is expected to be busy during peak travel times, 6:00 a.m. to noon and 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Typically over Thanksgiving and Christmas more people visit the airport and Tucson Airport Authority encourages travelers and visitors to get to the airport early and visit the airport and airline websites for information that may be helpful.

TIA Holiday Travel Tips are available for download from the airport website, www.tucsonairport.org.

The Air Transport Association of America (ATA), the industry trade organization representing the leading U.S. airlines, is forecasting a 4% increase in the number of passengers traveling globally on U.S. airlines during the 2007 Thanksgiving holiday season, Friday, Nov. 16 through Tuesday, Nov. 27. Tucson International Airport expects as many as 11,000 arriving and departing passengers a day will be using the facility during peak hours.

ATA projects the three busiest travel days during the Thanksgiving travel period are expected to be Sunday, Nov. 25; Monday, Nov. 26; and Wednesday, Nov. 21, respectively.

ATA member airlines are adopting a number of initiatives to better serve passengers this year. Their website has details: www.airlines.org.

Tucson Airport Authority offers these travel tips:

CHECK IN WITH AIRLINES

www.tucsonairport.org/AirlineLinks

- Most airlines recommend arriving 90 minutes prior to departure during the holidays.
- Many airlines offer email/cell phone communication to passengers requesting notification of flight delays. Sign up at airline websites.
- Only ticketed passengers are permitted past security checkpoints. Special arrangements can be made with the airlines for passengers needing assistance.
- Photo identification and tickets are required at check-in, and security checkpoints.

www.tucsonairport.org/FlightSchedules

For families and friends picking up arriving passengers, real time flight arrival and departure information is available on the airport website, which displays a feed from the Flight Information Display monitors located in the terminal.

PARKING

Tucson Airport Authority operates several parking lots that accept American Express, Visa, and Master Card credit cards, with space for 8,200 vehicles:

- . **Hourly** – in front of the terminal: \$1 per ½ hour, \$12/day.
- . **Daily** – in front of the terminal: \$1 per ½ hour for first hour then \$1.50 per hour, \$9/day.
- . **Garage** – Adjacent to the Rental Car Building, east of the terminal: \$3 per hour, \$9/day promotional rate - for a limited time only. Regular rate is \$13/day.
- . **Economy (Park’N Save)** – off E. Corona east of the terminal. Shuttles operate 24 hours continuously between the parking lot and the terminal: \$4/day.
- . **Economy Covered** - \$8/day April-September, \$6/day October-March.

TAA also operates a Cell Phone Waiting Lot with free parking for people waiting in their vehicles to pick up arriving passengers. It is located on, on Airport Drive, west of terminal off terminal loop road.

SECURITY CHECKPOINTS

The Transportation Security Administration typically issues tips to travelers over key holidays. Their website also includes a list of items permitted past security checkpoints and a wait time calculator for airports around the country: www.tsa.gov.

- Items surrendered at security checkpoints are not held and will not be returned. New measures allow three ounce travel-size quantities of liquid toiletries in a one-quart, clear, plastic, zip-lock bag. No restrictions on medications, but travelers must declare they have the items.
- After clearing security, travelers can now bring beverages and other items purchased in the boarding area on-board aircraft.
- FedEx/UPS and *CheckPoint Mailers* drop boxes at each concourse allow passengers to mail items that would be confiscated at checkpoints.

AIRLINE TICKETS

For the best deals on airfares, Tucson's air fare portal, www.airtucson.com, tracks the lowest fares available from Tucson. Tickets are still available. Don't forget to sign up for the weekly Fare Finder Alert.

There are 12 airlines* serving Tucson with over 85 daily nonstop departures. Airlines include: Aerolitoral . Alaska . American . Continental . Delta/SkyWest . ExpressJet . Frontier . JetBlue . Northwest . Southwest . United . US Airways .

Tucson's airlines provide daily nonstop service to 29 destinations, including: Albuquerque . Atlanta . Austin . Chicago (O'Hare Airport) . Chicago (Midway Airport) Dallas-Ft. Worth . Denver . El Paso . Hermosillo, Mexico . Houston Kansas City . Las Vegas . Los Angeles . (On December 17 Delta begins twice-daily service to Los Angeles) . Minneapolis/St. Paul . Newark . New York Oakland . Omaha . Ontario, CA. Phoenix . Reno . Sacramento . Salt Lake City . San Antonio . San Diego . San Francisco . Seattle/Tacoma . Spokane . Washington D.C./Dulles (seasonal service)

*Note- Sun Country Airlines begins twice weekly seasonal service to Minneapolis December 16-April 7.

VISITOR SERVICES AND AMENITIES

- Easy access. Close-in parking. Low rates.
- Free Wi-Fi.
- Excellent food and beverage options on the concourses and pre-security.
- Ike's Coffee Bars: Each Concourse and Baggage Claim.
- Food courts: Both Concourses.
- Baskin Robbins and Cibo's Express Gourmet Markets: Center/Ticketing Level.
- Jet Rock Bar and Grill: Third Level open daily 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Comfortable waiting lounges in baggage claim: FlightView monitors, closed circuit TV.
- Conference Center: Third Level. Meeting Rooms available for rent. Call 520-573-8225.
- Massage Chairs.
- Shopping. Shopping. Shopping. News. Gifts. PGA Tour Shop.
- Free parking while waiting for arriving friends and family at the Cell Phone Waiting Lot.

Enjoy The Show

- Nearly 100 works of art are on display throughout the terminal.
- Temporary exhibits feature work from local artists in four galleries.
- Live at TIA! Performing Art Program with local performers throughout the holiday season.

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