

Continental Airlines to Launch Seasonal Service Between Cleveland and Paris

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First-ever nonstop service between the two cities begins tomorrow

Continental Airlines (NYSE:CAL) tomorrow will launch the first-ever non-stop service between Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) and Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) in Paris, France.

In addition to providing a link for the business communities on both sides of the Atlantic, the Cleveland to Paris route will provide convenient onward connections for travelers to points throughout Europe, Asia and Africa.

"Cleveland is important to Continental and we are pleased to add Paris to our portfolio of flights from this hub," said Continental Airlines President Jeff Smisek. "Including the new service to Paris, we will have launched flights from Cleveland to 10 new destinations so far in 2008."

"Continental's new international service to Paris from Cleveland Hopkins will connect Cleveland to the global marketplace and open doors to new business opportunities and tourism," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Cleveland. "I commend Continental for their commitment to this service and look forward to partnering with them in the future."

The seasonal service will operate from May 22 through Sept. 1. Flights will depart Cleveland daily at 5:25 p.m. and arrive in Paris at 7:25 a.m. the next morning. The return flights will depart Paris daily at 11:20 a.m. and arrive in Cleveland at 2:30 p.m. the same day.

The service will be operated by Boeing 757 aircraft, seating 16 passengers in Continental's award-winning BusinessFirst cabin and 159 passengers in economy.

Paris will be the second European city served by Continental from Cleveland. Continental's London/Gatwick-Cleveland service was launched in 1999.

Continental has served Paris since 1987. The airline currently operates three daily flights to Paris from its New York hub at Newark Liberty International Airport, as well as a daily flight to Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport.

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