



NEW AIR SERVICE ALERT

DAILY NONSTOP TO DENVER ON UNITED

Starts in September

Air travelers can now book non-stop flights from Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) on United Airlines to Denver International Airport (DEN) for travel starting on or after September 29, 2023.

The flight will operate on an Embraer 175 aircraft.

"Nonstop to Denver on United is an incredible addition to the route map at AVL," said Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E., President and CEO of the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority. "Denver is a significant hub for United, and daily service will not only provide great access to and from Denver and Colorado but will also provide easy connections to and from western locations. We thank our partners at United for their continued investment in WNC. This is a huge win for us all."

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NONSTOP TO PHOENIX ON ALLEGIANT

Inaugural flight celebration held last week

We celebrated the inaugural flight to Phoenix on Allegiant last week in traditional ways: cake, balloons, trivia and cheers from passengers. The new route, which operates twice weekly, is the first nonstop ever offered from AVL to Phoenix, Arizona.

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NEW PASSENGER AMENITY OPENS AT AVL

Aletitude concessions and bar available at Gates 1-3

Paradies Lagardère, an award-winning airport restaurateur and retailer, and Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) are proud to announce that a new food and beverage outlet, Aletitude, is now open at the airport.

Aletitude offers a grab-and-go concession area and bar, which is a convenient option for passengers. The bar serves a selection of on-tap and bottled beer and wine, and also offers grab-and-go salads and sandwiches. A large selection of snacks can be purchased in addition to bottled drinks. The bar has a seating area where passengers can enjoy their food and drinks while they wait for their flights to board.

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NUMBERS SHOW RECORD GROWTH SO FAR IN 2023

AVL is 29% ahead of previous year in first quarter

The numbers are in, and for the first time in history Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) served more than 400,000 passengers in the year's first quarter—a 29% increase over the previous year's record number of 312,000. Additionally, each month's passenger numbers for January, February and March were the highest in history, showing a strengthening of air service and utilization in the winter months at AVL.

Airlines continue to invest in the western North Carolina region and have grown their capacity (seats for sale in the market) in winter months. And passengers are using the additional air service, showing strong demand.

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Lew Bleiweis, President & CEO, talks about airport growth

(From *The Overlook*) The Asheville Airport is at high altitude these days. The airport served more than 1.8 million passengers in 2022—a record-breaking year by 29 percent—and is about to begin construction to expand its terminal from seven to 12 gates. Lew Bleiweis, in his 14th year as the airport's president and CEO, talks with host Matt Peiken about the airport's booming business and coming expansion.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

You will notice changes the next time you fly

The airport team is working hard to be ready for an official groundbreaking on a new airport terminal. The groundbreaking will happen this August, but there is a lot of “make ready” work underway.

Passengers are already experiencing significant changes. A temporary gate area has opened on the south end of the terminal, which is where gates 1-3 are now located. We will be moving gates 4-7 to the south in about a month, at which time we will close the north concourse for demolition. Passenger boarding bridges are being decommissioned, and by the end of June, all passengers will board and deplane using exterior ramps and a covered walkway to and from the terminal. (Some flights are already operating in this manner now.)

So, why do we have to remove the boarding bridges? Don't worry – it's temporary. In order to construct the new north end of the terminal, we had to reconfigure the aircraft ramp area and there is no room for boarding bridges while we are under construction. However, by 2025 we will have boarding bridges again when we open a brand-new north concourse. Thanks for being patient and excited about what's to come!



TO PACK OR NOT TO PACK?

Lithium ion batteries on planes

Have you ever thought about what powers the devices you use everyday like your laptop and cell phone? Or a camera, handheld gaming device or a vaping device? Would you be surprised to know that the batteries that power all of these popular devices can pose a threat on airplanes? The FAA has recently highlighted the importance of properly packing devices containing lithium batteries.

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