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EVENT CELEBRATES DELTA AIR LINES NONSTOP SERVICE FROM PITTSBURGH TO PARIS

PITTSBURGH, PA - The Regional Air Service Partnership, including Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato, the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and the Allegheny County Airport Authority teamed up with Delta Air Lines, SkyTeam and Air France to recognize the importance of nonstop air service between Pittsburgh International Airport and Paris Charles de Gaulle International Airport .

The new route, enabled by Delta's successful joint venture with Air France, offers Pittsburgh air travelers convenient connections to more than 90 cities in Europe via Air France's Paris hub. Flights can be booked at www.delta.com.

Since its launch on June 3, 2009, it is becoming a vital choice for international travelers and international business. "This nonstop flight to Paris opens the door to exciting opportunities that could lead to more jobs, commerce and other development. Pittsburgh is an important international business location. Direct international service is critical to the growing position we have in the global economy," stated Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato.

"This is our opportunity to thank Delta Air Lines for their commitment to add this route, particularly at a challenging time in the economy. Pittsburgh earned this flight based on several factors, including the capabilities and capacity here at Pittsburgh International Airport and the region's travel demands for trips to Europe. The Airport Authority's Brad Penrod, the Air Service Department and the US Border Control and Customs Department at PIT should be commended for the due diligence in making this flight a reality," said Allegheny County Airport Authority Board Chairman Glenn R. Mahone.

“Nonstop air service to Europe from Pittsburgh provides businesses, here and abroad, with the access that truly supports a global business center, which is exactly what Pittsburgh is. The inaugural Delta flight from Pittsburgh to Paris on June 3 gave the region the lift—quite literally—that it needed for expedient, hassle-free international access. Being able to touchdown in Paris, which is a gateway to Europe and beyond, or Pittsburgh without additional connections at congested East Coast hubs, is a significant time and money saver for those conducting global business,” said Pittsburgh Regional Alliance President Dewitt Peart.

“We’re very excited about this new flight, the only nonstop flight to Europe from Pittsburgh, and of course are delighted that it flies to Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport, Europe’s leading hub. Together with Delta, our Joint Venture partner, we are providing more choices in travel for our passengers, from opening new gateways, to additional frequencies and destinations. Combined, we offer the largest worldwide network, and opening this new nonstop flight to Paris is just another way we’re strengthening our partnership and striving to provide the best services for our passengers,” stated Christine Ourmières, Vice President and General Manager of Air France and KLM, U.S.

“Strategic and unique international growth – bolstered by our innovative partnership with Air France/KLM and merger with Northwest – has been a cornerstone of Delta’s successful business strategy over the last several years,” said Jeff Lobl, Delta Airlines.

Delta’s new five-day-a-week service to Paris is the most convenient way to travel to Europe. Departing flights leave Pittsburgh at 6:15 pm and arrive in Paris at 8:20 the next morning. The return flight from Paris departs at 10:40 am and arrives in Pittsburgh at 1:55 pm.

Nonstop trans-Atlantic Pittsburgh to Paris service lifts travelers above the chaos and congestion of connecting at east coast airports. And returning home is nonstop pond-hopping to Pittsburgh with no worries about missing a connecting flight home.

If you plan to travel abroad, make nonstop from Pittsburgh to Paris your first hop.

Delta’s new service between Pittsburgh and Paris

Flight	Departs	Arrives	Effective	Frequency
188	Pittsburgh at 6:15 p.m.	Paris at 8:20 a.m. (next day)	June 3, 2009	Daily (except Tuesday and Friday)
189	Paris at 10:40 a.m.	Pittsburgh at 1:55 p.m.	June 3, 2009	Daily (except Wednesday and Saturday)

Air France offers convenient transfers by air, and Paris CDG seamlessly connects you by rail and land to cities across France, the UK, and neighboring countries.

Today’s event featured French music performed on the piano by Claudia Sanchez, www.passionatepianist.com, and a Marcell Marceau mime performance by Mark Thompson. The French menu was prepared and presented by the International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh. “The college enthusiastically supports this initiative for its importance for the region, but also because it is well matched with intense infusion of international cuisine in the curriculum of The Art Institute of Pittsburgh’s culinary school,” said Carrie Butler, Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Welch’s, which has Concord grape vineyards in Northeast, PA, provided juices served at the event. SuperShuttle, a French-owned company, provided information on its new service in Pittsburgh and Paris.

For more information on the flight, visit www.FlyPittsburgh.com\Europe.

