

# SAN ANTONIO FLIGHT PLAN

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## Delta Expands Nonstop Service from SAT to New York JFK

On September 7, 2010, Delta Air Lines will launch nonstop flights between San Antonio International (SAT) and New York (JFK) Airport. From New York, passengers will be able to connect to over 30 international destinations, such as London-Heathrow, Brussels, Moscow, Amsterdam, Cairo, Istanbul, Milan, Tel Aviv and Tokyo-Narita. Flight #2566 will depart San Antonio at 9:15 a.m. and arrive at JFK at 1:49 p.m. Flight #2567 will leave JFK at 8:05 p.m. and arrive in San Antonio at 11:17 p.m. Delta will offer the flight on a 124-seat Airbus A319 aircraft and feature First and Economy Class seating.

“Expanding service to San Antonio from New York is another step in our efforts to improve access for customers in communities of all sizes to the world’s largest travel market,” said Gail Grimmert, Delta’s senior vice president – New York. “Customers tell us that New York is their top U.S. destination, so we’re continuing to increase competition there.”



“This is a sign of San Antonio’s growing prominence as a business center,” San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro said. “Direct flights are a lifeline for business investment and

our goal is to continue to add more destinations in the future.”

From San Antonio, Delta also provides nonstop service to Salt Lake City, Cincinnati, Detroit, Minneapolis, Memphis and its largest hub - Atlanta. To book a flight on Delta, log onto: [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com).

“The New York City JFK service, as well as Delta’s addition of more flights to its other hub airports, provides the San Antonio traveler more options for domestic and international travel,” said City Manager Sheryl Sculley. “The City welcomes Delta’s increased presence in the San Antonio market, which offers more connectivity to the international global markets.”

## Frontier Adds Nonstop Service from SAT to Milwaukee Hub

On July 1, 2010, Frontier Airlines announced it will launch four weekly roundtrip flights between San Antonio International (SAT) and Milwaukee’s General Mitchell International Airport (MKE). Air fares are available for purchase on [www.FrontierAirlines.com](http://www.FrontierAirlines.com). Nonstop flights begin November 19, 2010 on a 90-seat ERJ 190. (See Page 2)



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## Frontier Adds Nonstop Service from SAT to MKE (Cont'd from Front Page)

Below is the proposed flight schedule:

Route	Departs	Arrives	Frequency
MKE-SAT	2:35 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun
SAT-MKE	6:05 p.m.	8:55 p.m.	Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun

“Frontier Airlines will be the only carrier to provide nonstop service between Milwaukee and San Antonio,” said Daniel Shurz, vice president of strategy and planning.

“With the addition of this service, we continue our commitment to providing more destinations, convenient schedules and affordable air fares.”

“Frontier currently provides nonstop flights to its hub in Denver,” said Aviation Director Frank R. Miller. “We welcome the addition of Frontier’s Milwaukee hub flights from San Antonio, which will offer the local passenger more travel options.”

## AirTran Flies the “Most Extraordinary Class” on Magical Trip to Orlando

On June 16, 2010, first graders from Wilderness Oak Elementary school began a magical journey they will remember forever. The class won a trip to Orlando, Florida to take part in the premier of Universal Resort’s “The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.” The trip was the courtesy of Universal Resorts, AirTran Airways and NBC’s “Today Show.”

The class beat out hundreds of students from across the country in a network TV contest when they successfully answered the question, “Why is my class extraordinary?” They submitted a three-minute video to the “Today Show” detailing their efforts in raising in excess of \$9,000 for Haitian earthquake victims. As winners, they were featured on the “Today Show”.



## SAT Receives \$400,000 Federal Grant

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is giving a \$400,000 grant to the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) for its use in further development of the Safety Management System (SMS). SMS is a new concept to the FAA and to airports. SMS is a systematic, proactive and well-defined safety program, which is designed to facilitate airport operators in their efforts to improve safety in the face of significant forecasted growth in air traffic activity. SMS contributes to this effort by increasing the likelihood that airport operators will detect and correct safety problems before they result in an aircraft accident or incident.

In June 2009, the City of San Antonio’s Aviation Department was the first in the nation to hire a full-time SMS manager. Following the success of the Pilot Study, the Aviation Department will use the FAA grant to fund an Implementation Study. The intent of the Implementation Study is to examine how airports execute the elements of the Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance components of SMS. The one-year Implementation Study will allow the FAA to gather information and write policy for airports.

# San Antonio's *Vision 2050*

In May 2009, work began on a new San Antonio International Airport Master Plan titled *Vision 2050*. This community-driven initiative is spearheaded by nearly 100 business, government and citizen leaders. The 18-month master plan development process includes committee meetings with community, technical, government and business leaders and public workshops.

"The purpose of the SAT Master Plan is to outline how San Antonio can meet future regional aviation needs while preserving flexibility, optimizing aviation facilities and enhancing opportunities for expanded air service and increased aircraft operations," said Aviation Director Frank R. Miller. "The SAT Master Plan will guide future development through 2030 and beyond."

Some key findings thus far include:

- SAT's 2,600-acre site is sufficient to meet the forecasted demand for passenger and aircraft operation levels through 2050.
- Baseline forecasts project enplaned passengers to increase from about 4.2 million in 2008 to about 10.5

million in 2050, which equates to an average annual long-term growth rate of 2.2 percent.

- To accommodate forecasted demand, SAT will need eight additional gates by 2030, increasing the total number of gates from 24 to 32. To provide the additional gates, SAT will need to construct a third terminal by 2030.
- To accommodate forecasted demand, SAT will need 2,300 new parking spaces.
- By consolidating rental car facilities inside the terminal roadway loop, SAT can improve passenger service, eliminate the need for airport shuttle services and create commercial development opportunities on airport property.

The schedule of proposed improvements will be based on growth-related activity triggers rather than a fixed timeline. Using input provided by the committees, the public and project team, the recommended SAT Master Plan is expected to be completed and reviewed for final approval by the FAA in early 2011. Additional information regarding *Vision 2050* may be found on [www.sanantonio-airport.com](http://www.sanantonio-airport.com).

## Counting the Days until New Terminal B Opens

Construction on the new Terminal B, intended to replace the outdated Terminal 2 at the San Antonio International Airport, is heading into the home stretch. By July 2010, the 250,000 square-foot, eight-gate Terminal B reached the 90-percent completion milestone. The shell of the building is finished. The remaining finishing touches include: installing electrical devices, grinding terrazzo floors, painting walls and appointments and finalizing the commissioning of mechanical and fire alarm systems. The finish out of the Continental Airlines, American Airlines and concessionaire spaces has begun.

"It's going to be a completely new experience for the San Antonio passenger," said Jorge Perez, who is the City of San Antonio's program manager for the project. "The finished structure and amenities stand to be a considerable upgrade from the existing Terminal 2."

The new terminal features high ceilings, with natural light coming through large windows that face the street and airfield. It also features a behind-the-scenes baggage handling and screening system that will provide more convenience for the traveler. Passengers will be able to leave checked bags at the curb front or at the ticket counters and proceed directly to the TSA screening area. This new time-saving service also will extend to the passengers using Terminal 1, which will be re-branded as Terminal A when Terminal B opens for its first flight in early November 2010.



**San Antonio Conventions & Events**

*During the fourth quarter of 2010, the City of San Antonio will host more than 90 conventions with over 110,000 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:*

<b>DATES</b>	<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>DELEGATES</b>
October 8-9	2010 Women of Joy Conference	5,000
October 15-20	2010 Annual Fall North American Convention	4,000
October 25-27	2010 Annual Meeting	2,200
November 7-10	2010 Annual Fall National Convention	5,677
November 12-14	2010 San Antonio Rock 'n' Roll Marathon	30,000
November 25-27	2010 Annual Youth Convention	6,500
December 3-7	American Epilepsy Society 2010 Annual Meeting	4,000
December 8-12	CTRC-AACR San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium	8,000
December 18-19	USAA (United Services Automobile Association )	14,000

**SAT CALENDAR YEAR-TO-DATE STATS**

	Through Mar. '09	Through Mar. '10	Change %
Domestic Boardings	890,392	881,784	-0.97
International Boardings	14,648	17,141	17.02
Charter Boardings	2,484	2,417	-2.70
Total Boardings	905,040	898,925	-0.70
Total All Passengers	1,817,488	1,809,653	-0.43
Total Freight (lbs)	43,106,061	49,920,256	15.81
Total Mail (lbs)	15,228,133	15,912,959	4.50

