

## Airline and Airport News –

Just in time for the holidays and Planning for 2020

### Ever Try PIE?



PIE aka St. Pete-Clearwater International had its biggest September in history. With 123,638 passengers, September 2019 was up 2% over 2018 and the biggest September in PIE history. Year-to-date, PIE is up 2% over 2018 with two new Allegiant destinations that began in October – State College, PA and Traverse City, MI.

If you're flying out of St. Pete or have family flying into St. Pete for the holidays, take note. PIE expects its busiest holiday season ever this year. Arrange transportation to PIE – they expect all parking lots to reach full capacity. Picking up passengers? Use the cell phone lot until your guests are ready with luggage at the curb. No curbside waiting allowed. Plan for heavy traffic in and around the airport. Due to construction, there are barriers

in and around the airport roadways and parking lots and portions of the curbside are closed due to construction. Outbound passengers are strongly encouraged to arrange transportation to the airport as they cannot guarantee parking.

Allow ample travel time to the airport. The roadways in and around the airport are under construction. Shuttles operating to and from Economy Parking Lots may experience delays due to traffic congestion or construction activity. For more information about parking, visit <https://www.fly2pie.com/directions-park.../parking-information>.

PIE currently has 2,183 overnight parking spots in their Long-term, Economy, and Overflow lots. After the Parking & Roadway Construction Project is completed they'll have 3,156 overnight parking spots.

### Allegiant Air Adds Services to SRQ and PGD Airports

Allegiant now has nonstop route to Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport from Allentown, Pennsylvania, beginning Feb. 13, 2020. The new nonstop route via Lehigh Valley International Airport will operate twice weekly.

Allegiant offers a unique option to Sarasota / Bradenton-bound travelers with low base airfare and savings on rental cars and hotels. Travelers can book their entire vacation with Allegiant for less. For more details, optional services and baggage fees, visit [allegiant.com](http://allegiant.com).

Allegiant now has service to Punta Gorda Airport from Richmond, Virginia via Richmond International Airport beginning Feb. 13, 2020.

The new seasonal flights will operate twice weekly and bring an additional 15,000 travelers to Charlotte County. With the addition of this new route, Allegiant will now serve 47 cities from Punta Gorda Airport (PGD). Flight days, times and the lowest fares can be found only at [allegiant.com](http://allegiant.com). For more details, optional services and baggage fees, please visit [allegiant.com](http://allegiant.com).

### Spirit Airlines adds service to Newark, New York City and Indianapolis from TPA



The new flights bring Spirit's total number of routes out of Tampa International Airport to 24 – a 50 percent increase in service since 2017.

Spirit's growth was an important part of Tampa International Airport strong Fiscal Year 2019, which saw a record-breaking 22.2 million passengers.

Spirit added 437,000 passengers over the previous year, accounting for nearly 40 percent of the Airport's passenger growth for FY2019.

The passenger growth comes as the airline added 2,500 total aircraft operations in FY2019.

#### KEY FACTS:

- Spirit now serves 24 destinations nonstop from TPA, a 50 percent increase since 2017
- Spirit added more than 437,000 passengers in FY2019 compared to FY2018
- Spirit accounted for nearly 40 percent of TPA's passenger growth in FY2019
- Spirit added more than 2,500 operations in FY2019 compared to the previous year.

### What You Need to Know About Cyber Safety While Traveling



Consumer Reports Magazine says that, "A few precautions will go a long way toward protecting your digital privacy and security while you're away from home." In particular, they recommend travelers be aware of public WiFi.

"When you're away from your home and work networks, it can be tempting to jump on any free WiFi you can, especially if you're traveling overseas and trying to avoid hefty roaming charges. But is that really a good idea? After all, there's nothing stopping a hacker from jumping on the same network and intercepting the data going to and from your computer," the magazine notes.

Richard Gold, a security researcher and head engineer for the cybersecurity firm Digital Shadows, says that in most cases the warnings of security professionals about the dangers of public WiFi amount to "doom mongering" and are based on outdated information.

"If you're using the latest version of Android, iOS or MacOS, and you stick with modern applications, you should be fine," Gold says. "These companies expect their customers to be using public WiFi, and they're going to stop those attacks."

But that comes with some caveats. If you're using an old computer or phone that isn't running the latest operating system, you could be at risk. If you're using a browser, look for the lock symbol in the URL to make sure the site is encrypted. But there's no way to check if your favorite apps are encrypting all of your data.

If you have any doubts about the security of your device, Gold says you can always use a VPN, or virtual private network. Ideally, a VPN masks your location and encrypts the data sent to and from your device.

### Frontier Airlines Adds Nonstop to Trenton, NJ



Low-fare carrier Frontier Airlines has launched nonstop service from Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport to Trenton-Mercer Airport.

New route from SRQ began Nov. 15, 2019. The new service is seasonal and frequency and times are subject to change, so please check [FlyFrontier.com](http://FlyFrontier.com) for the most updated schedule.

Frontier operates over 95 A320 family aircraft and has the largest A320neo fleet in the U.S., delivering the highest level of noise reduction and fuel-efficiency, compared to previous models. The use of these aircraft, Frontier's seating configuration, weight-saving tactics and baggage process have all contributed to the airline's average of 39% fuel savings compared to

other U.S. airlines (fuel savings is based on Frontier Airlines 2018 fuel consumption per seat-mile compared to the weighted average of major U.S. airlines).

One of Frontier's most popular family offers is Kids Fly Free whereby one kid can fly free for every adult with Discount Den travel club membership on select dates and flights. Additional information about Kids Fly Free is available at <https://www.flyfrontier.com/kidsflyfree>. In addition to Kids Fly Free, Frontier offers special rewards and status benefits for the whole family. Plus, every Frontier aircraft features a unique animal on its tail -- from Griz the Bear to Otto the Owl, to Flo the Flamingo -- kids will enjoy getting to know their new animal friends.

The carrier offers customers the ability to customize travel to their needs and budget. For example, customers can purchase options a la carte or in one low-priced bundle called the WORKS. This bundle includes refundability, a carry-on bag, a checked bag, the best available seat, waived change fees, and priority boarding.

The airline's frequent flier program, FRONTIER Miles lets members enjoy many benefits as well as the ability to attain Elite status. Like the airline, FRONTIER Miles is family friendly, and the program makes it easy for families to enjoy the rewards together, including family pooling of miles. FRONTIER Miles is aptly named because you earn one mile for every mile flown – no funny formulas at Frontier.

With over 150 new Airbus planes on order, Frontier will continue to grow to deliver on the mission of providing affordable travel across America. Frontier's young fleet also ensures that the company keeps fares low and that customers will enjoy a pleasant and reliable experience flying with the airline. For more info, visit [www.flyfrontier.com](http://www.flyfrontier.com).