

# Alaska Airlines to offer the most nonstop flights to America's heartland from Seattle

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SEATTLE, Aug. 3, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Alaska Airlines continues the expansion of its Seattle hub with the launch of new daily nonstop service to Indianapolis and Wichita, Kansas starting spring of 2017. With the addition of Indianapolis and Wichita, the airline will serve 89 nonstop destinations from Seattle, more than twice as many as its nearest competitor. Alaska is the only airline to fly nonstop from Sea-Tac International Airport to 35 of those destinations.

"We continue to add more destinations from our hometown," said John Kirby, vice president of capacity planning at Alaska Airlines. "With the addition of nonstop service to Indianapolis and Wichita, Alaska Airlines now offers nonstop service to a total of 89 cities from Seattle – more than twice as many as any other airline."

This new route provides a link from the Midwest to tech hubs up and down the West Coast. Named the No. 1 city for conventions by [USA Today](#), Indianapolis has a thriving business community and is known as the Silicon Valley of the Midwest. Home to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, "Indy" is considered the motorsports entertainment capital of the world. With two professional sports teams and a budding craft beer scene, the city is a desirable vacation destination.

Often referred to as the "Air Capital of the World," Wichita is the country's major supplier to builders of commercial aircraft and is home to aviation heavyweights Beechcraft, Cessna, and Boeing 737 fuselage maker, Spirit AeroSystems. Kansas' largest airport, Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport, opened its state-of-the-art, modern terminal on June 3, 2015.

With these new routes, Alaska will operate 20 daily flights to nine Midwest cities: Chicago; Detroit; Indianapolis; Milwaukee; Minneapolis; St. Louis; Omaha, Nebraska; Kansas City, Missouri; and Wichita, Kansas.

Summary of new service:					
Start date	City pair	Departs	Arrives	Frequency	Plane type
April 13	Seattle-Wichita	11:55 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	Daily	E175
April 13	Wichita-Seattle	6:10 p.m.	7:55 p.m.	Daily	E175
May 11	Seattle-Indianapolis	9:55 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	Daily	737
May 11	Indianapolis-Seattle	6:10 p.m.	7:59 p.m.	Daily	737

All times based on local time zones

Alaska will fly to Indianapolis with fuel-efficient Boeing 737 aircraft. Onboard, customers will get to enjoy more of what they love with free and premium entertainment downloaded direct to customer devices, Pacific Northwest-inspired food and beverages, as well as custom leather seats with power outlets to charge laptops and personal devices for each customer.

Alaska will fly to Wichita with 76-seat E175 jets, operated by SkyWest Airlines, which feature 12 seats in first class, 12 seats in premium class and 52 seats in the main cabin. The E175 boasts cabin dimensions on par with a narrow-body jet. Onboard amenities include Wi-Fi Internet access, and Alaska Beyond Entertainment, which includes free and premium entertainment direct to customer devices and power outlets in the first class cabin.

Tickets for the new routes will go on sale today. To purchase tickets, visit [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com) to find great savings, or call 1-800-ALASKAAIR (800-252-7522 or Hearing & Speech Impaired (TTY): Dial 711 for Relay Services).

Alaska Airlines, together with its regional partners, flies 32 million customers a year to more than 110 cities with an average of 970 daily flights throughout the United States, including Hawaii, Canada, Costa Rica, and Mexico. With Alaska's 17 global [airline partners](#), customers can earn and redeem miles to more than 800 destinations worldwide. Onboard, customers are invited to make the most of their flight with amenities like power outlets at every seat, streaming entertainment direct to your device, Wi-Fi and an inspired food and beverage selection featured on most flights. Alaska Airlines ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction Among Traditional Carriers in North America" in the J.D. Power North American Airline Satisfaction Study for nine consecutive years from 2008 to 2016. Alaska Airlines Mileage Plan also ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Airline Loyalty Rewards Programs" in the J.D. Power Airline Loyalty/Rewards Program Satisfaction Report for the last three consecutive years. Alaska Airlines is a subsidiary of Alaska Air Group (NYSE: [ALK](#)). Learn more on the airline's [newsroom](#), [blog](#), [alaskaair.com](http://alaskaair.com), [@AlaskaAir](#), [facebook.com/alaskairlines](https://facebook.com/alaskairlines) and [linkedin.com/company/alaska-airlines](https://linkedin.com/company/alaska-airlines).

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