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Avelo Airlines Expands Raleigh-Durham Service with Popular Florida Destination: Fort Myers

Introductory low one-way fares to Florida's Gulf Coast start at \$69

RALEIGH-DURHAM, N.C.; Aug. 25, 2022 — Avelo Airlines announced today it is expanding service from Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) with the addition of a popular Florida destination – Fort Myers. Avelo is the only airline offering The Research Triangle affordable, convenient and nonstop access to Fort Myers' Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW).

Introductory low one-way fares between RDU and Fort Myers starting at \$69* are available at [AveloAir.com](https://www.aveloair.com).

Avelo Airlines Chairman and CEO Andrew Levy said, "Research Triangle – we're at it again! Raleigh-Durham residents can now choose from two popular Avelo nonstop destinations — Florida's majestic Southwest Gulf Coast and Southern Connecticut. The addition of Fort Myers to our RDU schedule makes getting to The Sunshine State more affordable and convenient than ever. Whether you are seeking a romantic getaway or a sun-soaked family vacation, the City of Palms' secluded white sand beaches and turquoise waters are the perfect retreat this winter."

Exclusive Nonstop Service to Fun in the Sun

Avelo is the only airline offering nonstop service from RDU to RSW.

"We are pleased to see Avelo expanding service at RDU after just a few months of operating in the Raleigh-Durham market," said Michael Landguth, president and CEO of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority. "The nonstop flights to Fort Myers will add new route to the list of destinations we serve and offer more options in the popular Florida market."

Avelo's seasonal service to RSW will operate three days per week beginning November 11. Avelo will operate Boeing Next-Generation 737s on this route. In addition to Fort Myers, Avelo flies nonstop between RDU and Connecticut's most convenient airport — Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN).

	Route	Departs	Arrives
Fort Myers (RSW)			
Effective Date: Nov. 10, 2022	RDU-RSW	11:40 a.m.	1:40 p.m.
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays	RSW-RDU	9:00 a.m.	10:50 a.m.

Fort Myers – Immerse Yourself in the Beauty of Florida’s Gulf Coast

Nestled along Southwest Florida’s clear turquoise Gulf waters is the town of Fort Myers. Good days come naturally here with Fort Myers’ secluded white sand beaches and relaxing waterfront resorts that nurture a sense of casual sophistication. Visitors can sway from shopping Fort Myers’ charming boutiques, to indulging in world-class dining, to enjoying a barefoot sunset stroll on the beach. It’s been well over a century since Thomas Edison put down roots in “The City of Palms” — yet the community still generates an exciting energy that attracts visitors from around the world. Fort Myers promises endless ways to enjoy a romantic getaway or an activity-packed fun-in-the-sun family retreat.

“We are excited that Avelo Airlines plans to expand service from Southwest Florida International Airport this November,” said Ben Siegel, CPA, C.M., executive director, Lee County Port Authority. “We look forward to having service to Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina (RDU), a popular travel destination that has not been served recently from Fort Myers. We are extremely pleased to see Avelo expanding their network in Southwest Florida and giving more travel options to our community.”

America’s Affordable and Convenient Airline

Avelo was founded with a vision to help its Customers save money and time. Since taking flight April 28, 2021, Avelo has flown more than one million Customers on more than 8,500 flights.

In addition to offering Customers everyday low fares on every route, Avelo Customers can always change or cancel their itineraries with no extra fees. Avelo also offers several unbundled travel-enhancing options that give Customers the flexibility to pay for what they value, including priority boarding, checked bags, carry-on overhead bags, and bringing a pet in the cabin.

Additionally, the American-made Boeing 737 jets Avelo flies offer a more spacious and comfortable experience than the small regional aircraft historically operating at many of the small hometown airports Avelo serves. Customers who value an advance seat assignment can choose from several modestly priced seating options, including seats with extra leg room, as well as pre-reserved window and aisle seating. One third of seats on Avelo aircraft are available for Customers who appreciate the comfort of extra legroom.

Avelo now serves 30 destinations across the U.S. The airline has unlocked a new era of convenience, choice and competition in air travel by flying unserved routes to primarily underserved communities across the country. At least one airport on every Avelo flight is a small hometown airport – making every Avelo journey easier and more enjoyable.

At Avelo, every flight is also nonstop. This connection-free travel experience not only provides Avelo Customers with a faster and simpler travel experience, but also minimizes delays, cancellations and lost bags. In fact, Avelo has established itself as one of America’s most

reliable airlines with a year-to-date flight cancellation rate of 1% and a year-to-date checked bag handling performance rate of .09 mishandled bags per 100 bags.

Avelo is distinguished by its Soul of Service culture. The culture is grounded in Avelo's "One Crew" value which promotes a welcoming and caring experience. By caring for one another and owning their commitments, Avelo Crewmembers focus on anticipating and understanding Customer needs on the ground and in the air.

About Avelo Airlines

Avelo Airlines was founded with a simple purpose — to *Inspire Travel*. The airline offers Customers time and money-saving convenience, low everyday fares, and a refreshingly smooth and caring experience through its Soul of Service culture. Operating a fleet of Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft, Avelo serves 30 popular destinations across the U.S., including its three bases at Los Angeles' Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR), Southern Connecticut's Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN) and Orlando International Airport (MCO). Avelo Airlines is also home to "Free Ticket Tuesdays" – to learn more, follow Avelo on [Instagram at @AveloAir](#). For more information visit [AveloAir.com](#) or the Avelo Newsroom at [AveloAir.com/Newsroom](#).

About Raleigh-Durham International Airport

[The Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority operates Raleigh-Durham International Airport](#). RDU connects central and eastern North Carolina to the people and places that matter most, serving more than 14 million passengers in 2019. RDU powers our region's economy with a \$15.1 billion annual economic impact and supports nearly 100,000 local and regional jobs. RDU was rated in the Top Three in passenger satisfaction among large North American Airports in a 2021 [J.D. Power survey](#). Learn more online about the [Airport Authority board](#) online, including its [monthly meetings](#).

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*One-way introductory fares include government taxes and fees. The very low one-way fares start at \$69 for travel booked by August 29, 2022, for travel completed by April 20, 2023. Fares are available on a limited number of flights and seats. Additional fees for carry-on and checked bags, assigned seats and other optional services may apply. A \$20 charge applies to all bookings or changes made through Avelo's Customer Support Center. For full terms and conditions, please see Avelo's [Contract of Carriage](#).