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Avelo Airlines Announces New Base in Fort Myers

Avelo's fourth base will create more than 35 jobs

Avelo to initially serve five nonstop destinations

FORT MYERS, Fla.; September 8, 2022 — Avelo Airlines announced today it is accelerating the airline's U.S. expansion with the opening of a fourth base this fall in Fort Myers, Florida.

The new base will be located at Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW). Avelo currently operates bases at Los Angeles' Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR), Southern Connecticut's Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN), and Orlando International Airport (MCO).

Avelo Airlines Chairman and CEO Andrew Levy said, "The opening of Avelo's fourth base in Fort Myers this fall will enable us to serve more destinations, add more flights, operate more airplanes, fly more Customers and employ more Crewmembers. Based on the success of our initial route between Southern Connecticut and Fort Myers, we have announced four additional destinations that will take flight from RSW this fall – creating a meaningful source of new visitors to Southwest Florida. This is just the beginning."

Over time, Avelo anticipates flying hundreds of thousands of visitors annually to Fort Myers from cities currently without nonstop service to Southwest Florida. To support its expanding Fort Myers presence, Avelo expects to create more than 35 RSW-based jobs. These positions will be a combination of Avelo Crewmembers and jobs with Avelo business partners operating at RSW. Roles will include Airport Customer Service, Aircraft Technical Operations and Maintenance, Pilots, Flight Attendants and Supervisors. Candidates can learn more about Avelo's Fort Myers-based career opportunities at AveloAir.com/careers.

"Following the recent announcement of nonstop flights to four new markets from Southwest Florida International Airport, we are pleased to see that Avelo Airlines is also going to make an investment in creating more jobs at RSW to support their operations in Fort Myers. We look forward to working with Avelo and being a part of their growth in Southwest Florida," said Ben Siegel, CPA, C.M., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority.

As a new airline, Avelo is an excellent opportunity for individuals at all stages of their career to join a successful and fast-growing company. Avelo offers competitive compensation, comprehensive healthcare coverage, a company-matching 401K retirement program, and free air travel on Avelo, among many other benefits. Additionally, Avelo Crewmembers have access to Avelo University, which offers job-readiness training and ongoing career development

courses. Grounded in the airline's One Crew Value, Avelo offers an inclusive, collaborative and caring culture.

A Rapidly Expanding RSW Fleet and Route Network

Beginning in November, Avelo will base one 189-seat Boeing Next-Generation (NG) 737-800 jetliner at RSW. Avelo's current systemwide fleet consists of 11 737 NGs. The airline expects to operate 14 aircraft by the end of 2022 and 16 aircraft by the second quarter of 2023.

Avelo currently operates flights several days per week between RSW and the airline's Northeast base at HVN - Connecticut's most convenient airport. Beginning November 10, Avelo will serve four additional destinations from RSW: Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina (RDU); Binghamton, New York, (BGM); and two cities in Michigan: Kalamazoo (AZO) and Lansing (LAN).

Low fares for all five routes are available for purchase at [AveloAir.com](https://www.aveloair.com).

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 nearly 10,000 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 currently operating at most of the 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 31 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 31 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](#).

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