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## **Avelo Airlines Takes Flight for Sarasota-Bradenton, Fla. at Greater Philly's Wilmington Airport**

Very low, one-way fares to Florida's Gulf Coast start at \$59

**PHILADELPHIA and WILMINGTON, Del.; Nov. 2, 2023** — Avelo Airlines takes flight today from Greater Philly's Wilmington Airport (ILG) to a new nonstop tropical destination, Sarasota Bradenton International Airport (SRQ). Situated just 28 miles south of Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), Wilmington Airport's unrivaled curb to plane speed is quickly establishing ILG as the region's most convenient airport.

Avelo will operate this route twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays, utilizing Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft. Introductory one-way fares between ILG and SRQ start at \$59\*. Customers can make reservations at [AveloAir.com](https://www.aveloair.com).

**Avelo Airlines Chairman and CEO Andrew Levy** said, "Since taking flight in the Delaware Valley, our Customers have discovered the convenience, reliability and affordability of flying Avelo at Greater Philly's most travel-friendly airport — Wilmington Airport. With winter and the holidays coming up, Sarasota / Bradenton is the latest example of how Avelo is inspiring travel across the region with an irresistible mix of popular destinations to choose from."

### **Sarasota-Bradenton: Beaches and Beyond**

Situated along Florida's picturesque Gulf Coast, the Sarasota-Bradenton corridor's white-sand beaches, turquoise gulf waters and outdoor lifestyle make it the perfect year-round escape. In addition to the region's postcard-perfect coastline, visitors enjoy flavor-erupting dining, world-class shopping, and a diverse arts and entertainment scene. From Longboat Key south to Venice, SRQ is an ideal gateway for visitors seeking unique and memorable experiences – or simply a beautiful and quiet spot to recharge.

**Sarasota Bradenton International Airport President and CEO Rick Piccolo** said, "We are pleased that Avelo Airlines is starting nonstop service between Philadelphia/Wilmington and the Sarasota / Bradenton area. This new nonstop route will provide Customers a way to avoid big city congestion and fly from one convenient airport to another."

### **The Philadelphia / Delaware Valley's Most Travel-Friendly Airport**

Say goodbye to the stressful congestion, long lines and lengthy walks at PHL and say hello to the refreshingly fast, smooth and relaxing hometown airport experience tens of thousands of travelers are discovering every month at Wilmington Airport.

ILG is conveniently located a short drive south of Philadelphia. The airport's adjacency to multiple major highways and railways makes it the most travel-friendly airport for Philly and the Delaware Valley, which encompasses portions of four states: Southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, South Jersey and the northern Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Avelo Airlines took flight from ILG on February 1, 2023, and currently has two 189-seat Boeing Next-Generation 737-800 jetliners based at ILG. Avelo employs approximately 100 Crewmembers at its ILG base, including pilots, flight attendants, airport Crewmembers, aircraft maintenance technicians and supervisors.

### **Avelo now serves 15 nonstop destinations from ILG:**

- Charleston, S.C. via Charleston International Airport (CHS)
- Daytona Beach, Fla. via Daytona Beach International Airport (DAB)
- Fort Lauderdale, Fla. via Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL)
- Fort Myers, Fla. via Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW)
- Greenville / Spartanburg, S.C. via Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP)
- Myrtle Beach, S.C. via Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR)
- Nashville, Tenn. via Nashville International Airport (BNA)
- Orlando, Fla. via Orlando International Airport (MCO)
- Raleigh / Durham, N.C. via Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU)
- San Juan, Puerto Rico via Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU)
- Sarasota-Bradenton, Fla. via Sarasota Bradenton International Airport (SRQ)
- Savannah, Ga. / Hilton Head Island, S.C. via Savannah / Hilton Head International Airport (SAV)
- Tampa, Fla. via Tampa International Airport (TPA)
- West Palm Beach, Fla. via Palm Beach International Airport (PBI)
- Wilmington, N.C. via Wilmington International Airport (ILM)

### **America's Affordable, Convenient and Reliable Airline**

Avelo was founded with a vision to help its Customers save money and time. Since taking flight on April 28, 2021, Avelo has flown more than three million Customers on over 25,000 flights.

Today, Avelo serves 44 destinations spanning 23 states and Puerto Rico. 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. And Avelo makes family travel even smoother by guaranteeing children 13 and under will be seated adjacent to an accompanying adult at no extra cost.

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 16 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.

At Avelo, every flight is also nonstop. This connection-free travel experience not only provides Avelo Customers with faster and simpler travel, but also minimizes delays, cancellations and lost bags. In fact, Avelo has established itself as one of America's most reliable airlines. In the first nine months of 2023, Avelo achieved the lowest flight cancellation rate and the second best on-time performance in the U.S. airline industry.

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 44 popular destinations across the United States, including its six bases at Los Angeles' Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR), Southern Connecticut's Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN), Orlando International Airport (MCO), the Philadelphia and Delaware Valley region's Wilmington Airport (ILG), Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) and Las Vegas' Harry Reid International Airport (LAS). For more information visit [AveloAir.com](https://AveloAir.com) or the Avelo Newsroom at [AveloAir.com/Newsroom](https://AveloAir.com/Newsroom).

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\*Introductory one-way fares include government taxes and fees. Fares start at \$59 between ILG and SRQ for travel between December 1-17, 2023. Fares must be booked by November 9, 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 per seated traveler 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](#).