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# Avelo Airlines Expands Service from Southern Connecticut to Three Exclusive Nonstop Destinations: Houston, St. Louis and Traverse City, MI

Avelo is only airline serving Houston, St. Louis and Traverse City from CT Avelo flies more nonstop routes (24) from Connecticut than any other airline Avelo adds sixth 737 at HVN base, enabling more jobs and destinations Low, introductory one-way fares start at \$62

**NEW HAVEN, Conn.; March 20, 2024** — Avelo Airlines today announced it is expanding service from Southern Connecticut's most convenient airport — Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN) — to three new nonstop destinations: Houston, Texas; St. Louis, Missouri; and Traverse City, Michigan.

At the start of these routes, Avelo will be the only airline offering nonstop service from Connecticut to these three popular destinations. Additionally, Avelo is the only airline in the state of Connecticut offering nonstop flights to the state of Missouri, and the only low-fare airline offering flights to the states of Texas and Michigan. All three routes begin in June 2024 and will operate on Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft. Introductory one-way fares start at \$62\*. Travelers can make reservations at <u>AveloAir.com</u>.

Avelo also announced it will base a sixth aircraft at HVN. The addition of a sixth aircraft exemplifies Avelo's continued growth in New Haven and the airline's appeal to travelers from across Connecticut. This aircraft will create approximately 35 more jobs at HVN and will contribute to economic development across the region. In addition to Avelo's six HVN-based aircraft, the airline also supports flights at Tweed with two additional aircraft based at Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) and Orlando International Airport (MCO) – bringing the total number of Avelo aircraft serving Tweed to eight 737s.

**Avelo Airlines Chairman and CEO Andrew Levy** said, "We are excited to offer Connecticut residents even more travel options with the addition of Houston, St. Louis and Traverse City. Whether visiting friends and family, enjoying a leisurely vacation or attending an important business meeting, Avelo offers time and money-saving convenience for Connecticut travelers. With 24 nonstop destinations, flying from Tweed is easier and more affordable than ever. Additionally, when you consider our industry-leading reliability, it is clear why almost 2 million people have flown Avelo at Tweed since 2021."

- Houston, Texas via William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)
  - o Begins June 14, and operates twice weekly on Mondays and Fridays
  - Fares start as low as \$98\* one-way
- St. Louis, Mo. via St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL)
  - Begins June 13, and operates twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays
  - Fares start as low as \$79\* one-way
- Traverse City, Mi. via Cherry Capital Airport (TVC)
  - Begins June 15, and operates on Saturdays
  - Fares start as low as \$62\* one-way

**Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont** said, "Avelo's announcement that they are connecting New Haven to even more destinations with convenient, nonstop flights is good news for the region and our state because having a greater number of reliable transportation options mean more opportunities for businesses to strengthen their connectivity, increase our overall economic viability, and stimulate further regional development."

**Chairman of The New Haven Airport Authority Board Matt Hoey** said, "Today marks another significant milestone for Tweed-New Haven Airport and the communities we serve, and we applaud Avelo for their continued focus on Southern Connecticut flyers. The introduction of these new routes reflects our ongoing effort to meet the needs and preferences of our travelers. By connecting Southern Connecticut to these key destinations, we're opening new opportunities for business, leisure, and tourism."

**CEO of The New HVN Michael Jones** said, "These new flight offerings from Tweed-New Haven Airport to Houston, St. Louis, and Traverse City are another huge step in ongoing work to provide more convenient, nonstop connections for Southern Connecticut flyers. With these new routes, Tweed is now connected to a total of 24 cities with nonstop flights, making travel easier and more accessible for everyone. We congratulate Avelo on their success, and we are proud to be their partner in growing HVN, serving flyers, and bolstering Southern Connecticut's economy."

### Houston - The New Capital of Southern Cool

America's fourth-largest city is a cosmopolitan destination, filled with world-class dining, arts, hotels, shopping and nightlife. Take a stroll through the historic Heights, spend the day exploring the Museum District or head down to Space Center Houston. Later, grab a bite in one of the dozens of award-winning restaurants, or hang out with the cool kids on Washington Avenue. From ball games to horseracing, Houston is a sports-lover's mecca. There's always something to do in the Southern hospitality meets urban chic city.

## St. Louis - Explore the Gateway to the West

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Home of the Gateway Arch and located on the Mighty Mississippi River, there's plenty to see and do in St. Louis. Explore iconic attractions, discover unique shops and experience luxurious spas. Take a tour of museums and historic sites, attend performances at state-of-the-art venues, cheer on St. Louis sports teams and delight your taste buds at award-winning restaurants, breweries and distilleries. Plus, fans of fresh air will be surprised and delighted by flourishing public parks, miles of trails and exhilarating waterways, and see that St. Louis is an undeniable epic travel experience.

## **Traverse City – The Definition of Pure Michigan**

Known as the "Cherry Capital of the World," and located on the coast of Lake Michigan, Traverse City is known for its picturesque outdoor offerings. Traverse City is also known for its four amazing seasons, rich with outdoor activities including skiing, kayaking and biking. It's easy to roll from one thing to the next as smoothly and fluidly as the waves of Grand Traverse Bay wash ashore. Tour the wineries, scale a dune at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, push off the Lake Michigan shoreline and become immersed in this charming lakeside town.

Avelo will now serve 24 nonstop destinations from Tweed Airport spanning 11 states and Puerto Rico. That's more nonstop routes from Connecticut than any other airline in the state:

- Atlanta, Ga. (ATL)
- Charleston, S.C. (CHS)
- Charlotte / Concord, N.C. (USA)
- Chicago, Ill. (via MDW)
- Daytona Beach, Fla. (DAB)
- Destin / Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (VPS)
- Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (FLL)
- Fort Myers, Fla. (RSW)
- Greenville / Spartanburg, S.C. (GSP)
- Houston, Texas (Hobby) (HOU)
- Knoxville, Tenn. (TYS)
- Myrtle Beach, S.C. (MYR)
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- Nashville, Tenn. (BNA)
- Orlando, Fla. (MCO)
- Raleigh / Durham, N.C. (RDU)
- San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU)
- Sarasota / Bradenton, Fla. (SRQ)
- Savannah, Ga. / Hilton Head, S.C. (SAV)
- St. Louis, Mo. (STL)
- Tampa, Fla. (TPA)
- Traverse City, Mich. (TVC)
- Washington, D.C. / Baltimore, Md. (BWI)
- West Palm Beach, Fla. (PBI)
- Wilmington, N.C (ILM)

Avelo was founded to Inspire Travel by saving its Customers time and money. Since taking flight on April 28, 2021, Avelo has flown more than 4.2 million Customers on over 33,000 flights. Today, Avelo serves 50 destinations in 23 states and Puerto Rico.

Along the way, Avelo has unlocked a new era of convenience, choice and competition by flying unserved routes to primarily underserved communities across the country. On almost every route, at least one airport is a small, easy to use airport – making every Avelo journey easier and more enjoyable.

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Avelo Customers can always change or cancel their itineraries with no extra fees. Additionally, families can travel with ease knowing every child 13 and under will always be automatically seated with an accompanying adult at no additional cost.

Additionally, Avelo offers advanced seat assignments for sale. One third of its seats are extra leg room seats, ranging from 32 inches to more than 36 inches, offering a more comfortable experience for Customers who value more space. In addition to advance seat assignments, Avelo offers several unbundled travel-enhancing options that give Customers the flexibility to pay only for what they value, including priority boarding, checked bags, carry-on overhead bags, and bringing a pet in the cabin.

Avelo is distinguished by its industry-leading reliability. In 2023, the airline achieved the lowest flight cancellation rate in the U.S. airline industry and ranked #2 in on-time reliability. These results are based on Anuvu's third-party data platform (the same company and platform utilized by *The Wall Street Journal* for the publication's annual best and worst airline ranking, which excluded Avelo as well as other airlines in its coverage that did not meet the publication's size threshold).

#### **About Avelo Airlines**

Avelo Airlines was founded with a simple purpose — to *Inspire Travel*. The airline offers travelers time and money-saving convenience, everyday low fares, and a refreshingly smooth, caring and reliable travel experience. Operating a fleet of 16 Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft, Avelo serves 50 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 on May 1, 2024, Avelo will move its Las Vegas base at Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) to the Bay Area's Sonoma County Airport (STS). For more information visit <u>AveloAir.com</u> or the Avelo Newsroom at <u>AveloAir.com/Newsroom</u>.

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\*Introductory one-way fares include government taxes and fees. Fares start at \$62 for travel between HVN and TVC, at \$79 between HVN and STL and at \$98 between HVN and HOU for travel through July 31, 2024. Fares must be booked by March 27, 2024. 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 \$25 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 <u>Contract of Carriage</u>.