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## **Avelo Airlines Takes Off to Southern Connecticut with Exclusive Nonstop Service from Knoxville**

*Low, one-way fares between The Great Smoky Mountains and New Haven start at \$77*

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn.; May 9, 2024** – Avelo Airlines takes off today with exclusive nonstop service between Knoxville’s McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS) and Southern Connecticut’s most convenient airport – Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN). Avelo is the first and only airline offering nonstop service between The Great Smoky Mountains and Connecticut.

Avelo will operate this route twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays, utilizing Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft. Low one-way fares between TYS and HVN start at \$77\*. Customers can make reservations at [AveloAir.com](https://www.aveloair.com).

**Avelo Airlines Founder and CEO Andrew Levy** said, “Knoxville – it’s time to say hello to Avelo! We’re excited to take off in Knoxville and showcase Avelo’s low fares, travel-friendly convenience and industry-leading reliability. Getting to Southern Connecticut and everything the greater New England and New York regions have to offer will now be easier than ever. This exclusive nonstop service also makes exploring the abundance of vibrant urban and outdoor experiences Knoxville and The Great Smoky Mountains offer a fast and seamless journey for Connecticut visitors.”

**Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority President Patrick Wilson** said, “McGhee Tyson Airport has seen significant passenger growth over the past year as airlines continue to recognize our region as a growing vacation destination. With the addition of Avelo Airlines to our market, we look forward to welcoming travelers from the New Haven and Tri-State area to all the adventures our region has to offer. Avelo will also provide an affordable option to East Tennessee travelers looking to reach destinations ranging from New York to Boston from New Haven.”

**President of Visit Knoxville Kim Bumpas** said, “Anytime a new market is added to McGhee Tyson’s options is a reason to celebrate. We’re excited for this opportunity to welcome visitors from New Haven and the surrounding region.”

Avelo Customers traveling between TYS and HVN today were greeted with celebration and fanfare, including a water cannon salute, commemorative boarding passes, and Avelo Airlines representatives on a nearly full inaugural flight.

## **Tweed-New Haven Airport – The New Haven Way to New England and New York**

HVN is located on Connecticut's coast and is a convenient gateway to all 15 towns that make up Greater New Haven. HVN's adjacency to multiple major highways and commuter railways makes visiting the New England and New York regions easier than ever. The airport is a refreshingly smooth and simple alternative hometown airport experience that will make visiting Southern Connecticut faster, easier and more relaxing than ever.

Best known as the home of Yale University, New Haven is the second-largest city in Connecticut and is part of the New York metropolitan area. The coastal city has experienced—and continues to enjoy—a renaissance. Within an easy stroll from the New Haven Green are more than 100 distinctive restaurants, offering something for every palate, and the city abounds with theaters, museums, and shopping destinations to satisfy all interests and tastes. Last year, New Haven joined iconic cities like Auckland, London and Istanbul to make the prestigious New York Times 2023 “52 Places to Go” list. Whether visiting family and friends or just looking for a vacation, there is a wealth of things to explore in The Cultural Capital of Connecticut.

## **America's Most Convenient Airline**

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 4.5 million Customers on over 36,000 flights. Today, Avelo serves 52 destinations in 23 states and Puerto Rico.

Avelo has unlocked a new era of convenience, choice, and competition by flying unserved routes to primarily underserved communities across the country. Every route has at least one small, easy to use airport. This makes every Avelo journey a smooth, easy, and more enjoyable experience than contending with the crowds, congestion and long walks at larger airports.

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 be automatically seated with an accompanying adult at no additional cost.

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.

## **About Avelo Airlines**

Avelo Airlines was founded with a simple purpose — to *Inspire Travel*. The Houston-based 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 52 popular destinations across the United States, including its six bases at Los Angeles' Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR), Southern Connecticut's

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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 open its sixth base at the Bay Area's Sonoma County Airport (STS). 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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\*Low one-way fares include government taxes and fees. Fares start at \$77 for travel between TYS and HVN for travel between May 30 and June 27, 2024. Fares must be booked by May 16, 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 [Contract of Carriage](#).