

Explore *Charleston*



**CHARLESTON**  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

## **JetBlue To Fly Nonstop from Charleston (CHS) to Los Angeles (LAX)**

Embargoed until 7:00am Eastern USA  
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**CHARLESTON, SC** – JetBlue announced plans to begin daily nonstop service from Charleston (CHS) to Los Angeles (LAX) on December 18, 2020. This will be the state of South Carolina’s first nonstop flight to California.

“Los Angeles service from Charleston International Airport has been a key strategic objective for Team CHS,” said Charleston County Aviation Authority CEO Elliott Summey. “JetBlue’s new service will allow both business and leisure travelers convenient access to and from one of the most important airport gateways to the world. We are obviously delighted with this milestone addition of air service for the region.”

“We are excited to expand our Charleston service with a new direct flight to LAX. Since beginning flights to Charleston, we’ve seen an extraordinary level of community support that has allowed us to continually expand” said Scott Laurence, Head of Revenue and Planning, JetBlue. “This new addition furthers our commitment to our Charleston customers, and gives more customers our award-winning service, to more of the destinations we know they want to fly.”

There is good reason to expect residents of Southern California to be excited about this new service. According to Helen Hill, CEO of Explore Charleston and Chairman of the Charleston County Aviation Authority, “It’s worth noting that California has been in our top ten states of visitor inquiry for at least 20 years. Being able to fly nonstop from LAX to Charleston will turn Californians’ interest into action.”

JetBlue is widely recognized for its gracious service and for its commitment to the health and safety of its passengers and crew. In addition to Los Angeles, JetBlue also serves the region with flights to New York (JFK), Newark, and Boston. With the return of Fort Lauderdale service in October, JetBlue will serve five of the top Lowcountry markets.

Hill continued, “JetBlue has been a wonderful partner for the Charleston region, and their steadfast confidence in our market has never been more evident than with today’s announcement

of transcontinental service. There is no doubt that the new service will provide a timely boost as our visitor industry continues its economic rebound. And since LAX is our largest market without direct service, we share JetBlue’s confidence in the long-term success of this exciting new route. Our work toward its success begins today.”

For more information, visit [JetBlue.com](http://JetBlue.com)

### *Flight Schedule*

<b>Departure</b>	<b>Dep Time</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Arr Time</b>	<b>Aircraft</b>
CHS	6:00pm	LAX	8:46pm	A320
LAX	9:00am	CHS	4:29pm	A320

Aircraft seats 162 passengers.

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### **About Charleston International Airport**

Charleston International Airport (CHS) provides first-class facilities and amenities that embrace the history, culture and beauty of Charleston and the Lowcountry of South Carolina. The airport is centrally located in the Charleston, S.C., metropolitan area and provides an exceptional first impression of the Lowcountry for more than 4 million passengers traveling to and from here annually for business and leisure activities.

Chartered in 1970 by the State of South Carolina as a special purpose district, the governing body, the Charleston County Aviation Authority, is responsible for managing, operating and developing all public airports in the Charleston County Airport District. That includes CHS as well as general aviation facilities the Charleston Executive Airport (JZI) on Johns Island and the Mount Pleasant Regional Airport (LRO). The runways at CHS are owned by the U.S. Air Force and Joint Base Charleston and are shared by CHS through what is the longest running civilian/military joint-use agreement of its kind with the Department of Defense. Boeing South Carolina, the final assembly for the 787 Dreamliner, sits on approximately 730 acres of land adjacent to CHS. Visit [www.iflychs.com](http://www.iflychs.com).

### **About Explore Charleston**

The mission of Explore Charleston is to unify and lead the local travel industry in marketing the Charleston area as an individual, meeting, incentive and group destination to both the domestic and international markets. Visit [www.explorecharleston.com](http://www.explorecharleston.com).

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