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SAINT LUCIA WELCOMES NEW UNITED SERVICE FROM CHICAGO STARTING DECEMBER
The airline will also launch additional flight from its New York hub at
Newark Liberty International Airport

Saint Lucia (July 13, 2015) – With visitors arriving at a record pace from the U.S. – showing a year-to-date increase of 9 percent over 2014 – Saint Lucia will welcome additional winter season flights as United Airlines launches inaugural non-stop service from Chicago. Commencing December 19, 2015, the weekly service departs Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD) for Saint Lucia’s Hewanorra International Airport (UVF) every Saturday through to April 9, 2016.

“The expanded partnership with United signifies the first non-stop regularly scheduled service between the two destinations, making Saint Lucia even more accessible for travelers. The new flights connect major gateways in the Midwestern United States and provide added convenience for connections with a number of new markets,” said Louis Lewis, Director of Tourism for the Saint Lucia Tourist Board.

“We are delighted to be announcing new service to Saint Lucia from Chicago and an additional flight from Newark,” said Director of Leisure Sales for United Airlines, Vic Kerckhoff. “Our increased seasonal services will give travelers more flexibility and more choice when flying to the island.”

Operated using Boeing 737 aircraft with capacity ranging from 118 to 179 seats, flights will depart O’Hare International Airport on Saturdays at 8:20 am, arriving at Hewanorra at 3:50 pm; return flights on Saturdays will depart Saint Lucia at 3:48 pm and are scheduled to arrive in Chicago at 8:03 pm.

United Airlines will also launch additional flight service from New Jersey’s Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) to Hewanorra International Airport (UVF) departing Sundays at 9:00 am and arriving to UVF at 2:45 pm. The new service will commence on Sunday, December 20, 2015 up to May 1, 2016. The initial United flight from Newark to Saint Lucia began on July 13, 2013.

Flights are now bookable through United Airlines at <http://www.united.com/>.

For more information about the island of Saint Lucia, call [1-800-456-3984](tel:1-800-456-3984), or 1-888 4STLUCIA or visit <http://stlucianow.com/>.



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About Saint Lucia

One of the Windward Islands of the West Indies' Lesser Antilles, Saint Lucia (pronounced Saint LOO-sha) is nestled halfway down the Eastern Caribbean archipelago. The "Helen of the West Indies," Saint Lucia is known for its natural beauty and diverse attractions, including the signature Piton Mountains - a UNESCO World Heritage Site - a tropical rainforest and one of the world's few drive-in volcanoes. Culturally rich offerings include the bustling marketplace in the capital of Castries, quaint fishing villages along the coastline, and the annual Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival. Saint Lucia's wide range of accommodations includes world-class five-star resorts, all-inclusive resorts, intimate inns and value-oriented properties. Saint Lucia also is home to world class cruise and yachting facilities. The island is continually recognized as one of the Leading Wedding and Honeymoon destinations worldwide.

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