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CONTINENTAL AIRLINES EXPANDS SERVICE AT DES MOINES WITH NEW NONSTOP FLIGHTS TO CLEVELAND HUB

\$198 round-trip introductory fare

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 14, 2007 – Continental Airlines (NYSE: CAL) today announced that it will expand service at Des Moines International Airport by inaugurating two daily nonstop flights on a new route to Continental's Cleveland hub.

At Cleveland, travelers have the ability to connect to dozens of additional destinations throughout the Midwest, Northeast, Canada and Europe – including London and Paris. Continental's hub at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is uncongested and has modern facilities including a relaxing Presidents Club lounge for members.

Upon completion in early 2008 of the second phase of an expansion program under way at Cleveland, Continental will be providing 300 daily flights to 100 destinations, the majority of which will be accessible via the new flights from Des Moines.

The new Cleveland flights complement Continental's existing service consisting of up to two daily flights to Houston.

“By introducing service to Cleveland, we give our local customers in Des Moines more options for traveling to the destinations they want to reach around the world,” said Greg Hart, staff vice president–scheduling. “In addition, we make a valuable contribution to the local economy by bringing in more visitors and improving access to the business community.”

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New Flights to Cleveland

The first new flights from Des Moines to Cleveland will commence June 12, 2008, with departures at 7:15 a.m. and 11:25 a.m. Flying time is less than two hours.

Return flights will depart Cleveland each day at 9:20 a.m. and 8:45 p.m. This schedule makes it convenient for local business travelers to make a round-trip to Cleveland in one day, if desired.

Flights will be operated by Continental Express regional jets. A flight attendant on-board provides cabin service and a lavatory is located at the rear of the aircraft.

No other airline currently provides nonstop service from Des Moines to Cleveland.

Continental will provide a range of fares on the new route including low excursion fares with restrictions, for vacation travelers, and unrestricted tickets with no penalties or change fees for travelers who want the utmost flexibility.

Continental will inaugurate the service with a low introductory nonstop fare of \$198 round trip to Cleveland. Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 28, 2007. The fare is valid for travel from the day the service starts until Aug. 28, 2008. A three-night or Friday night stay is required. Tickets are non-refundable and a \$100 change fee applies. The sale fare does not include a \$3.40 per segment fee (each way), a \$2.50 per segment September 11 security fee (each way), and passenger facility charges up to \$18 (round trip). Fares subject to change without notice, seats are limited and other restrictions apply.

Continental's OnePass frequent flyer program lets members earn miles that can be redeemed for reward travel or for bidding on unique VIP packages and products at the OnePass Online Auction. Travelers can also earn miles and points that qualify for special Elite status benefits.

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About Cleveland

Cleveland is a major, growing hub for Continental and, as the home to many Fortune 500 companies, is an important Midwest business center. In addition, Cleveland provides visitors with interesting entertainment options, including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, competitive major league sports teams, “The Flats” dining/entertainment district and easy access to Lake Erie.

Company Background

Continental Airlines is the world’s fifth largest airline. Continental, together with Continental Express and Continental Connection, has more than 3,100 daily departures throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia, serving 144 domestic and 138 international destinations. More than 400 additional points are served via SkyTeam alliance airlines. With more than 45,000 employees, Continental has hubs serving New York, Houston, Cleveland and Guam, and together with Continental Express, carries approximately 67 million passengers per year. Continental consistently earns awards and critical acclaim for both its operation and its corporate culture.

For the fourth consecutive year, FORTUNE magazine named Continental the No. 1 World’s Most Admired Airline on its 2007 list of World’s Most Admired Companies. Continental was also named the No. 1 airline on the publication’s 2007 America’s Most Admired airline industry list. Additionally, Continental again won major awards at the OAG Airline of the Year Awards including “Best Airline Based in North America” for the fourth year in a row, and “Best Executive/Business Class” for the fifth consecutive year. For more company information, visit continental.com.

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