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### SUN COUNTRY AIRLINES TO START NONSTOP FORT MYERS-GULFPORT SERVICE

The Lee County Port Authority is pleased that Sun Country Airlines has announced they will inaugurate seasonal service between Fort Myers, Fla. and Gulfport, Miss. on July 19, 2019. Sun Country will operate twice weekly nonstop flights on Mondays and Fridays between Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT) and Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW).

For Sun Country's news release, please see below. For more information or to book a flight, please visit <https://www.suncountry.com>.

For more information about Southwest Florida International Airport, please visit [www.flylcpa.com](http://www.flylcpa.com) or Like Us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/flyRSW](https://www.facebook.com/flyRSW).

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### SUN COUNTRY AIRLINES ANNOUNCES TWO NEW NONSTOP ROUTES TO GULFPORT WITH FARES AS LOW AS \$59\* ONE-WAY

**GULFPORT, Miss. FEBRUARY 25, 2019** – [Sun Country Airlines](http://www.suncountry.com) today announces the addition of two new seasonal routes to Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT) from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) and Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) in Fort Myers, Florida. Flights are on sale now exclusively to Sun Country Rewards members at [www.suncountry.com](http://www.suncountry.com) with fares as low as \$59 one-way. To join the rewards program, visit [www.suncountry.com/rewards](http://www.suncountry.com/rewards). Flights for these routes will be available to the general public on February 26 at 10 a.m.

"We're excited to add these routes to our network and bring more passengers to experience this great leisure destination, a premier area for casino gaming that also boasts miles of beaches and beautiful golf courses," said Chief Commercial Officer Ted Botimer. "Our focus on low fares and customer service has been a great fit for tourists visiting this market and we look forward to our continued partnership with the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority."

"We appreciate the expanded partnership with Sun Country Airlines and look forward to having service to these rapidly growing markets," said GPT Executive Director Clay Williams. "Both Austin and Fort Myers are unique and exciting destinations for local residents to enjoy, and we are extremely grateful for the convenient air travel option for visitors to the Mississippi Gulf Coast."

“When visitors experience Mississippi’s hospitality, they want to return again and again, which is why tourism is an important economic sector for our state,” Lieutenant Gov. Tate Reeves said. “I appreciate the work of Sun Country, airport and community leaders to expand options for both Mississippians and travelers who want to see our beautiful Gulf Coast.”

“Sun Country Airlines’ expansion into Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport is great news for the Mississippi Gulf Coast and our state as a whole,” said Mississippi Development Authority Executive Director Glenn McCullough. “It serves as a testament to the world-class food, culture and hospitality for which Mississippi is known around the world. Thanks to the airport and their partners for their hard work and leadership to make today’s announcement a reality.”

The new seasonal service to Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT) will include:

- Nonstop service to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS)
  - Service starts July 19, 2019
  - Operates 2x/week on Monday and Friday
  - One-way fares start as low as \$59\*
- Nonstop service to Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW)
  - Service starts July 19, 2019
  - Operates 2x/week on Monday and Friday
  - One-way fares as low as \$59\*

Sun Country has experienced record growth over the past year and recently announced the largest network expansion in company history. The airline first added new routes beyond its home base of Minneapolis/St. Paul in June 2018, bringing on service from Dallas/Fort Worth, Madison, Wisconsin, Portland, Oregon and St. Louis, which brought the network at the time from 53 to 64 nonstop routes. Nashville, Tennessee was added in August 2018, and the airline now operates a total of 87 routes across 52 airports, which marks a nearly 40 percent growth in routes since June 2018.

#### **About Sun Country**

Sun Country Airlines is a privately-held company based in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul. The award-winning airline is a leader in leisure travel flying to more than 50 popular destinations across the U.S., Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, having earned a reputation for offering world-class service at an affordable price. The airline also offers services from its Sun Country Charters and Sun Country Vacations divisions. For more on these Sun Country destinations and to book travel, including flight and hotel packages, visit [suncountry.com](http://suncountry.com)

\*Fares are limited and not available on all flights, days and times. Purchase by March 5, 2019. Schedules and fares are subject to change. Additional restrictions may apply. See terms and conditions at [suncountry.com](http://suncountry.com).

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