



Ahoy St. Croix! Spirit Airlines Expands Service from South Florida to the U.S. Virgin Islands

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New route marks the only nonstop service between Fort Lauderdale and St. Croix

MIRAMAR, Fla., May 24, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The crystal blue waters and Caribbean breeze are calling your name from the gorgeous island of St. Croix, and Spirit Airlines (NYSE:SAVE) is ready to take you there! Today, Spirit begins its new service from Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) to St. Croix's Henry E. Rohlsen Airport (STX). The nonstop service operates three times a week and offers a second option for Spirit Guests to travel to the U.S. Virgin Islands, complementing existing service to St. Thomas. The 65th destination in Spirit's network, this new route to St. Croix also marks the only nonstop connection from Fort Lauderdale to the U.S.V.I.'s largest island.

"We are excited to offer even more flights to more of the U.S. Virgin Islands, with Spirit's new service to St. Croix," said Mark Kopczak, Spirit Airlines' Vice President of Network Planning. "Spirit has been bringing ultra-low fares to the territory for more than 12 years, and this new service to St. Croix will allow more of our Guests to save money on airfare to spend making memories in paradise. Whether traveling for vacation or visiting family or friends, our Guests will now have convenient nonstop flights from Fort Lauderdale and connections from more than 20 of America's biggest cities."

"We look forward to deepening our partnership with Spirit as the airline expands its service in the U.S. Virgin Islands with flights to St. Croix," said Beverly Nicholson-Doty, Commissioner of Tourism for the U.S. Virgin Islands. "St. Croix is increasingly becoming a go-to destination for today's traveler, and we are encouraged that there are now more options for travelers to experience our culture, cuisine, heritage and wide variety of attractions."

As the recovery continues following the impact of last year's hurricanes and tourism opportunities grow in the Caribbean, Spirit remains committed to its support and growth in the region. St. Croix is the airline's 13th destination in the Caribbean. In the past several months, the airline has launched service to its second destination in Haiti, Cap-Haïtien, as well as resumed service to the island of St. Maarten. Spirit also recently expanded seasonal daily service from Fort Lauderdale to Kingston, Jamaica.

"Congratulations to Spirit Airlines for their continued growth and success at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Since their first flight here 25 years ago, Spirit has carried more than 60 million passengers," said Mark Gale, CEO and Director of Aviation at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. "The addition of St. Croix demonstrates Spirit's commitment and great partnership by offering connectivity between the Caribbean and the South Florida area."

With Spirit's expanding network, the airline continues to improve its on-time and Guest satisfaction performance, while building upon its larger commitment to invest in the Guest experience. The airline recently announced state-of-the-art high-speed Wi-Fi connectivity will be installed on its entire fleet by summer of 2019. Recent Department of Transportation data shows Spirit Airlines among the top carriers for on-time performance and baggage handling. Guests can learn more about Spirit's pledge to keep improving at InvestInTheGuest.com. To check out Spirit's super low fares and vacation packages to the Caribbean and other destinations head to spirit.com, and don't forget to sign up to receive alerts on Spirit's email deals and special offers.

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