

Lakefront Airport adds nonstop flights

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Southern Airways will offer nonstop flights to Memphis and Destin, Florida from Lakefront Airport beginning next month, the company announced today.

Officials said “overwhelming requests” led to the restoration of the Memphis route, which begins May 26. Delta Air Lines had offered nonstop flights there until last year.

The routes will be seasonal, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, though company officials said they hope to make them year-round. The Memphis flights will be offered four days during the work week, and flights to Destin will be offered on Fridays and Sundays beginning May 22, said Keith Sisson, chief operating officer of Southern Airways.

A one-way ticket will be priced between \$200 and \$250, he said. The company is still working on a promotional fare to offer at the beginning of the season.

The planes are Cessna Caravan 280s, with nine seats, spokesman Arthur Randallson said.

Additionally, passengers can connect through the two hubs to Atlanta’s DeKalb-Peachtree Airport. Southern plans to eventually offer a separate nonstop flight from New Orleans to Atlanta, he said.

Sisson said the company is also looking at adding a nonstop flight from Lakefront to Shreveport, and possibly expanding into the Houma area with flights to Houston. Another option would be to offer flights from Baton Rouge to Destin, he said.

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