

Flying high: Bay Area airports all launching new flights

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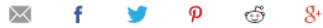


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An American Airlines plane arrives from Phoenix, Arizona to the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport on Wednesday. A strong Bay Area economy is propelling growth at all the region's airports.

The Bay Area economy is doing so well that even smaller airports are adding flights. In fact, Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa has gone from one carrier to five over the last two years. SFChronicle.com has a look at what's **fueling that growth**.

Meanwhile, San Francisco International Airport, Oakland International Airport and Mineta San Jose International Airport have all added flight routes to new markets over the past year, leading to an increase in passenger traffic across the board. They've got even more planned for 2017. Here's a list of recently launched and planned routes:

Mineta San José Airport

JetBlue

Long Beach; launched Jan. 4

United Airlines

Chicago; launched March 9

Newark, N.J.; launched March 10

Alaska Airlines

Newark, N.J.; launched March 12

Burbank; launched March 16

Austin, Texas.; to launch Aug. 28

Tucson; to launch Aug. 28

Los Angeles; to launch Sept. 20

Southwest Airlines

Reno; to launch Jun 4

Aeroméxico

Guadalajara, Mexico; to launch July 1

Oakland International Airport

Southwest Airlines

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; launched Feb. 12

Los Cabos, Mexico; launched Feb. 12

Newark, N.J.; to launch June 4

Norwegian Air

Copenhagen; to launch March 28

Barcelona; to launch June 7

British Airways

London Gatwick; to launch March 28

Spirit Airlines

Baltimore, Spain; to launch May 25

Detroit; to launch May 25

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Barcelona, Spain; to launch June 2

San Francisco International Airport

United Airlines

Tampa, Fla.; launched Feb. 16

Munich; to launch May 24

Santa Rosa.; to launch June 8

Spokane, Wash.; to launch June 8

Hartford, Conn.; to launch June 8

Cincinnati; to launch June 8

Kalispell, Mont. ; to launch June 8

Detroit; to launch June 8

Swissair

Zurich; to launch Feb. 16

Virgin Atlantic

Manchester; to launch March 28

Wow Air

Reykjavík, Iceland; to launch March 28

Korean Air

Seoul; to launch April 28

Airberlin

Berlin; to launch May 1

WestJet

Vancouver, British Columbia; to launch May 1

Thomas Cook Airlines

Manchester; to launch May 14

China Airlines

Taipei, Taiwan; to launch May 14

Finnair

Helsinki; to launch June 1

Southwest Airlines

Portland, Ore.; to launch June 4

Delta

Boston; to launch June 8

XL Airways

Paris; to launch June 10

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