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Daily Nonstop Service Starts Today Between Chicago and San Juan With Fares as Low as $174 One Way for Travel Between Dec. 3, 2013 and Feb. 28, 2014 (a)

CHICAGO, IL -- (Marketwired) -- 11/20/13 -- JetBlue Airways (NASDAQ: JBLU) today begins service from Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) to San Juan's Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU). The airline has served Chicago since 2007 with direct service to Boston and New York's JFK. This new route marks JetBlue's first service to the Caribbean from Chicago.

Flights between Chicago and San Juan are available at jetblue.com/new for as low as $174 one way for travel between Dec. 3, 2013 and Feb. 28, 2014. Blackout dates apply.

"There is a strong connection between Chicago and Puerto Rico, with the Windy City being home to the third largest Puerto Rican population in the U.S.," said JetBlue's President and CEO, Dave Barger. "Our new service will connect Chicagoans to sunny San Juan. This new route will provide convenient service and a less expensive option for those seeking to visit friends and family on the island or traveling for business or pleasure."

"On behalf of Mayor Rahm Emanuel, we congratulate JetBlue on adding San Juan, Puerto Rico as a new destination from O'Hare," said Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Aviation. "This new route helps maintain Chicago's position as a major global gateway and the best-connected city in the world."

JetBlue is continuing to grow its presence in Puerto Rico and now offers direct service to 17 destinations from San Juan. San Juan will serve as a gateway for customers travelling from Chicago, allowing convenient connections to Caribbean destinations including Punta Cana, Santiago and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and St. Croix, St. Maarten and St. Thomas. Additionally, travelers may connect via San Juan to many other destinations throughout the Caribbean served by JetBlue's partner airlines Cape Air, LIAT, and Seaborne Airlines.

"Puerto Rico welcomes JetBlue Flight 1563. Flight 1563 opens new routes for business travel, for tourism, for productive interactions between two great communities," stated Governor of Puerto Rico, Alejandro García Padilla. "From this day on, the distance between Chicago and San Juan has shortened; our skies are bluer."

"The Puerto Rico Tourism Company welcomes JetBlue's new nonstop flight between San Juan and Chicago, as it helps to bring an additional 150 passengers daily and contributes to strengthen one of the strongest pillars of tourism in the country, which is to broaden the Island's airlift offers; and this will be reflected in a positive economic impact for Puerto Rico as a destination," said Ingrid I. Rivera Rocafort, Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Tourism Company.

JetBlue's schedule between Chicago and San Juan, Puerto Rico:

Chicago (ORD) to San Juan (SJU):	***San Juan (SJU) to Chicago (ORD):***
Depart - Arrive	Depart - Arrive
9:30 a.m. - 4:03 p.m.	3:58 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.
- Flights operate daily effective November 20, 2013 -	
- All times local -	

Destinations in Latin America and the Caribbean now make up one-third of JetBlue's route network. In the Caribbean, JetBlue is the largest carrier in terms of capacity in both Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, offering more flights than any other carrier. JetBlue currently flies to 17 nonstop destinations from San Juan, 11 of which are within the continental US: Boston, Chicago, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood, Hartford, Jacksonville, New York (JFK), Newark, Orlando, Tampa, Washington D.C. (Reagan National) and West Palm Beach, and six within the Caribbean: Punta Cana, Santiago, Santo Domingo, St. Maarten, St. Thomas, and St. Croix.

"We are very excited about the continuous increase of routes that serve San Juan through Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport," said Aerostar's CEO, Agustín Arellano. "Without a doubt, JetBlue has been key in this stage of new services and routes and we want to continue working together with the airline to add new routes and benefit all passengers. We are committed to continuing to provide tools and operational conditions to foster the development of new service amongst airlines, which is the case of JetBlue today."

JetBlue's flights between Chicago and San Juan will be operated with its Airbus A320 fleet and award-winning service featuring convenient, assigned seating; a first-checked bag free (b); complimentary and unlimited name brand snacks and non-alcoholic/soft drinks; comfy leather seats; free first-run movies on seatback televisions (c); and more legroom than any other carrier in coach (d).

About JetBlue Airways

As New York's Hometown Airline™ and a leading carrier in Boston, Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood, Los Angeles (Long Beach), Orlando and San Juan, JetBlue carries 30 million customers a year to 80 cities in the US, Caribbean and Latin America with an average of 750 daily flights. With JetBlue, all seats are assigned, all fares are one-way, and an overnight stay is never required. JetBlue's fleet totals 193 aircraft, comprising 130 Airbus A320s, 3 A321s and 60 Embraer 190s. Upcoming destinations include Detroit, Mich.; Savannah, Ga.; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; and Lima, Peru, subject to receipt of government approval. For more information please visit JetBlue.com.

(a) Fare includes government taxes/fees and must be purchased by 11/22/13 (the earlier of 11:59 PM ET or local) for flights between San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU) and Chicago, IL (ORD) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday between 12/3/13 - 2/28/14 (blackout dates 12/20/13 - 1/7/14). 7-day advance purchase required. Fares is subject to availability; may not be available on all flights; may change without notice; is valid for new bookings only; must be purchased at time of reservation; and is one-way, nonstop, nonrefundable and nontransferable. Reservations made one week or more prior to a flight's scheduled departure may be canceled without penalty up to 24 hours after the reservation is made. Fare is only available on www.jetblue.com. Fare is not available for purchase via Online Travel Agencies Orbitz, Travelocity, Expedia, or Priceline. Previously purchased tickets may not be exchanged for these special fare tickets. First checked bag is free (weight and size limits and exceptions for itineraries including flights marked or operated by other airlines apply). Fares does not include fees for oversized/overweight/extra baggage or other fees for products/services sold separately. To view baggage fees and other optional services and fees, click here. $20 fee per person applies to fares (not Award flights) purchased by phone or at an airport or ticket office. Cancellations/changes must be made prior to scheduled departure (otherwise all money for fare is forfeited); $150 change/cancel fee per person will apply, and for changes, there may be a fare adjustment. Cancellations receive JetBlue travel credit, valid for one year. Proper documentation required for boarding. Other restrictions apply.

(b) Free first bag subject to weight and size limits and exceptions for itineraries including flights marketed or operated by other airlines.

(c) On flights outside the contiguous 48 states where live satellite TV and radio programming is not available, complimentary movies are offered.

(d) JetBlue offers the most legroom in coach, based on average fleet-wide seat pitch for U.S. airlines.

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