

## **CONTINENTAL AIRLINES ANNOUNCES DAILY NONSTOP SERVICE BETWEEN FRANKFURT AND HOUSTON**

Continental Airlines today announced that it will launch a daily nonstop service between Frankfurt and its Houston, Texas hub at Bush Intercontinental Airport effective from 2 November, 2009 (westbound), subject to government approval.

“We are pleased to expand our network of service from Germany by launching flights from Frankfurt to Houston,” said Jim Compton, executive vice president of marketing. “In addition to providing a link to the world’s energy capital, the Houston service will provide German travellers with convenient onward connections to destinations throughout the Americas.”

Flights will depart Frankfurt daily at 1:40 p.m. and arrive in Houston at 5:50 p.m. the same day. The return flights will depart Houston daily at 6:50 p.m. and arrive in Frankfurt at 11:40 a.m. the next day.

The service will be operated by Boeing 767-200ER aircraft, seating 25 passengers in BusinessFirst and 149 passengers in economy.

Continental currently operates daily flights from Frankfurt, Berlin and Hamburg to its New York hub at Newark Liberty International Airport. Frankfurt joins London, Paris and Amsterdam as the fourth European city served nonstop by Continental from Houston.

The new flights will offer Continental’s award-winning BusinessFirst service. BusinessFirst features an extensive gourmet menu served with premium wines and champagnes created by Continental’s Congress of Chefs and Sommeliers. International concierge service provides individualised pre- and post-flight services for BusinessFirst customers at 39 airports around the world. Customers traveling in BusinessFirst may also access any of Continental’s 26 Presidents Clubs and more than 60 airline affiliated lounges worldwide.

Houston, the fourth largest city in the United States, is the home of 26 Fortune 500 companies and more than 3,600 energy-related firms, making it one of the energy capitals of the world. Famous as the location of Mission Control for NASA’s Space Program, the city is also renowned for its Theater District, home to eight performing arts organisations, and for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which attracts more than 1.6 million visitors each year. Houston’s Texas Medical Center is the largest medical centre in the world.

The new service has been conveniently timed to connect at Houston with an extensive network of service throughout the southwestern U.S.A. and Latin America. Continental, whose headquarters are in Houston, has its largest hub at the city’s George Bush Intercontinental Airport, operating 645 flights a day and serving 163 cities non-stop.

Continental’s reservations number in Germany is 01803-212 610.

### **EDITOR’S NOTES**

Continental Airlines ([continental.com](http://continental.com)) is the world’s fifth largest airline, with more than 2,500 daily departures serving 134 U.S. and 131 international destinations. More than 675 additional points are served via alliance partners. Across the Atlantic, Continental operates up to 312 departures weekly from 30 airports in 16 countries to its U.S. gateway hubs at New York, Houston and Cleveland, with onward connections to more than 200 cities throughout North America, Latin America and the Caribbean. Fortune magazine ranked Continental as the top airline in its World’s Most Admired Companies 2008, for the fifth consecutive year. At the OAG Airline of the Year Awards 2008, based on voting by frequent flyers around the world, Continental won the Best Airline Based in North America award, also for the fifth year in a row. Continental’s alliance carriers in Europe, the Middle East and India include Air Europa, Air France, Alitalia, Emirates, Kingfisher Airlines, KLM and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

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