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# NEWS RELEASE

## **Southwest Airlines Now Flies International from Silicon Valley with Nonstop Service to Cabo San Lucas**

*-- Inaugural Service to Mexico on March 10 is Southwest's First of 80 New Weekly Flights to Launch from SJC in Spring 2018 --*

**San Jose, Calif.** – [Southwest Airlines](#) marked another milestone in its 25-year history at [Mineta San Jose International Airport](#) (SJC) on March 10, 2018, with first-ever international service and the inaugural nonstop flight to Cabo San Lucas/Los Cabos (SJD). Book flights now at [Southwest.com](#).

City of San Jose leaders joined with Southwest® passengers and staff for a festive celebration at Gate 25. [See the fun photos here](#). San Jose Council Member Johnny Khamis, Airport Commissioners Ronald Blake and Allison Stember, SJC's Interim Assistant Director of Aviation Judy Ross and Southwest-SJC Station Manager Robert Alderete together cut the ribbon to mark this important milestone since Southwest began serving SJC on June 1, 1993.

"Offering new international service from Silicon Valley's airport continues our purpose of connecting Customers to the places that matter most in their lives, with friendly, reliable and low-cost air travel," said Brad Hawkins, Southwest's International Spokesperson. "As California's most-flown airline, Southwest is offering more options for South Bay travelers to travel to the Mexico destinations they have been asking for."

The once-weekly Cabo flight departs SJC each Saturday at 8:45 a.m. and returns to Silicon Valley at 2:05 p.m. Flight time averages three hours, with flights departing Terminal B and travelers arriving to SJC's International Arrivals Building.

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"We're thrilled to continue our 25-year partnership with Southwest Airlines by launching the carrier's first-ever international service from SJC to Cabo San Lucas, a top-requested destination by Silicon Valley travelers," said Director of Aviation John Aitken. "Southwest continues to expand its routes, flights and facilities in San Jose, and we're pleased to support their ongoing growth as we mutually serve our Silicon Valley business and leisure travelers."

Southwest is SJC's largest carrier with up to 92 nonstop departures offered daily to these 24 cities: Albuquerque\*, Austin, Baltimore/Washington, Boise\*, Burbank, Cabo San Lucas, Chicago/Midway, Dallas/Love Field, Denver, Houston-Hobby\*, Las Vegas, Los Angeles/LAX, New Orleans\*, Ontario, Orange County/Santa Ana, Orlando\*\*, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, Saint Louis\*, Salt Lake City, San Diego, Seattle and Spokane\*. The carrier directly employs over 300 people at SJC.

\* Flights launch on April 8, 2018.      \*\*Flight launches on May 6, 2018

[Alaska Airlines](#) also offers nonstop service to Cabo San Lucas from SJC with daily flights.

#### **About Southwest Airlines Co.**

In its 47th year of service, Dallas-based [Southwest Airlines Co.](#) (NYSE: LUV) continues to differentiate itself from other air carriers with exemplary Customer Service delivered by more than 56,000 Employees to a Customer base topping 120 million passengers annually, in recent years. Southwest became the nation's largest domestic air carrier in 2003 and maintains that ranking based on the U.S. Department of Transportation's most recent reporting of domestic originating passengers boarded. During peak travel seasons, Southwest operates more than 4,000 weekday departures among a network of 100 destinations in the United States and 10 additional countries. Southwest has announced its intention to sell tickets in 2018 for service to Hawaii, subject to requisite governmental approvals.

#### **SJC: Transforming How Silicon Valley Travels**

Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. The airport serves 12.5 million passengers annually, with 200+ peak daily departures on 16 international and domestic carriers to 54 nonstop destinations. SJC has been America's fastest-growing major airport over the past two years, based on percentage increase in passenger seat capacity. For more airport information, visit [flysanjose.com](http://flysanjose.com).