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## US DOT Selects SkyWest Airlines to Serve Chippewa Valley Regional Airport (EAU)

*Sun Country Airlines Seasonal Nonstop Service to Fort Myers, FL to Continue through April 2025*

**Eau Claire, Wisconsin, September 11, 2024** – The United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) issued an order today selecting SkyWest Airlines to provide daily United Express flights at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport (EAU) under the Essential Air Service program for a three-year term.

Beginning in December 2024, SkyWest Airlines will provide a minimum of 12 roundtrip United Express flights per week from the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport to Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD). Flights will be operated utilizing a 50-seat CRJ200 aircraft and will be timed to ensure convenient connection opportunities within United Airlines' vast network of domestic and international destinations at Chicago O'Hare.

Travelers desiring to book travel on United Airlines can visit [www.united.com](http://www.united.com) or call 1-800-United-1. Reservations will be available later this month.

Seasonal nonstop flights to Fort Myers, FL will continue for winter vacationers on Sun Country Airlines from January 31, 2025, through April 7, 2025. Passengers holding other Sun Country reservations should watch for emails from Sun Country.

"The US DOT decision to select SkyWest Airlines to serve our market will maximize connectivity to the world for passengers arriving and departing our region," said Charity Zich, Airport Director. "We look forward to the return of daily scheduled service to our market while simultaneously welcoming the opportunity to continue the nonstop, low-cost flight options to Southwest Florida on Sun Country Airlines."

Travelers may also visit the Flight information page on the airport website for airline and schedule information at [www.chippewavalleyairport.com](http://www.chippewavalleyairport.com).

**About SkyWest Airlines -**

SkyWest Airlines operates through partnerships with United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, American Airlines and Alaska Airlines carrying 38.6 million passengers in 2023. Headquartered in St. George, Utah, SkyWest's fleet of nearly 500 aircraft connects passengers to 249 destinations throughout North America.

**About Sun Country Airlines -**

Sun Country Airlines is a new breed of hybrid low-cost air carrier, whose mission is to connect guests to their favorite people and places, to create lifelong memories and transformative experiences. Sun Country dynamically deploys shared resources across our synergistic scheduled service, charter, and cargo businesses. Based in Minnesota, we focus on serving leisure and visiting friends and relatives ("VFR") passengers and charter customers and providing cargo service to Amazon, with flights throughout the United States and to destinations in Mexico, Central America, Canada, and the Caribbean. For photos, b-roll and additional company information, visit <https://www.stories.suncountry.com/multimedia>.

**About the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport** – The Chippewa Valley Regional Airport is an FAA certified commercial service airport located in Eau Claire, WI. Businesses at the airport offer commercial airline flights, on-demand charter flights, emergency medical transportation, flight instruction, aircraft rental, aircraft maintenance, car rentals, and a full service restaurant. Learn more at [www.chippewavalleyairport.com](http://www.chippewavalleyairport.com).

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