LOS ANGELES AND CHICAGO O'HARE NAMED BUSIEST THANKSGIVING AIRPORTS

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Airports will be busy over the Thanksgiving holiday with 61 percent of travelers planning to take a trip, up six percent from 2014.1 Los Angeles International (LAX) and Chicago O'Hare (ORD) will be the busiest airports for the third consecutive year based on the Orbitz® Insider Index, which analyzed the Orbitz.com® flight booking data of the top 50 U.S. airports over the Thanksgiving travel period (Nov. 25-30, 2015). Newcomers to this year's busiest airport list are Denver International (DEN), Orlando International (MCO), Dallas-Fort Worth International (DFW), and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International (ATL).

"With travel expected to be up six percent, those heading to airports this Thanksgiving will need to build in extra time to account for bigger crowds and longer lines," said Jeanenne Tornatore, senior editor of Orbitz.com. "As expected, Wednesday, Nov. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 29 will be the busiest of the weekend. Travelers looking to avoid the crowds should consider flying out on Thanksgiving day and coming back on Monday, Nov. 30, both the least busy of the holiday weekend."

Orbitz also provides a list of the least busy airports. This year's list is split down the middle with five airports making the list for the second year in a row and five newcomers. Travelers flying in to

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Eppley Airfield (OMA) in Omaha, Kahului Airport (OGG) in Maui or Mineta San Jose International (SJC) can expect minimal stress and shorter lines as they are the least busy for Thanksgiving weekend.

Orbitz Insider Index: Busiest and Least Busy Airports for Thanksgiving 2015

Orbitz.com Busiest Airports 2015

1 Los Angeles International, LAX

2 Chicago O'Hare International, ORD

3 San Francisco International, SFO

4 Denver International, DEN

5 Boston Logan International, BOS

6 John F. Kennedy International, JFK

7 Orlando International, MCO

8 Newark Liberty International, EWR

9 Dallas-Fort Worth International, DFW

10 Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International, ATL

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1 Eppley Airfield, OMA

2 Kahului Airport, OGG

3 Mineta San Jose International, SJC

4 Jacksonville International, JAX

5 Palm Beach International, PBI

6 Nashville International, BNA

7 General Mitchell International, MKE

8 John Wayne Airport, SNA

9 Port Columbus International, CMH

10 Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International, CVG

Los Angeles International (LAX): LAX PUPS

Travelers passing through LAX and missing their pets at home should keep an eye out for LAX PUPS (Pets Unstressing Passengers). LAX's therapy-dog program provides relief to the stress of travel. These dog de-stressors can be found at gates throughout the terminals and both dogs and

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handlers can easily be spotted by their red vests.

Chicago O'Hare International (ORD): Kids Zone and Staying Active

For those traveling with children, the Kids on the Fly interactive play area in Terminal 2 brings the airport to life with child-sized model airplanes and a control tower that will keep the little ones busy for hours. For parents looking to stay active, consider purchasing day access to the Hilton Athletic Club inside the Hilton at Chicago O'Hare, accessible by underground walkway and the Airport Transit System.

San Francisco International (SFO): The Yoga Room

To take relaxation to the next level, look no further than the Yoga Room in Terminal 2 at SFO. The room provides complimentary mats and pillows to allow travelers to unleash their inner chill instead of stressing about busy airports and holiday crowds. Travelers who are not yoga enthusiasts can take advantage of spa offerings in each of the terminals, just steps away from passenger boarding gates.

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