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**Avelo Airlines Grows its 5<sup>th</sup> Base in Raleigh-Durham with Second Aircraft, Three New Nonstop Destinations and More Jobs**

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Avelo becomes a Proud Partner of NC State & ECU  
Avelo's U.S. network expands to 40 destinations*

**RDU AIRPORT, N.C.; March 15, 2023** — Avelo Airlines announced today it is growing its operational base at Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) with a second 737 aircraft. The additional aircraft enables Avelo to add three new destinations: Memphis, Tennessee (MEM); Manchester, New Hampshire / Boston (MHT), and Rochester, New York (ROC). Avelo is the only airline offering The Research Triangle affordable, convenient and nonstop access to these three new cities. The additional routes will expand Avelo's U.S. network to 40 destinations.

Introductory one-way fares from RDU start at \$39\*. Memphis and Rochester service will begin on June 14 and Manchester service will begin June 21. All three routes will operate twice weekly on Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft. Customers can make reservations at [AveloAir.com](https://www.aveloair.com).

**Avelo Airlines Chairman and CEO Andrew Levy** said, "Triangle Region – we're at it again! The addition of a second aircraft to our RDU base means more nonstop destinations and more jobs for Raleigh, Durham and the surrounding communities. Residents can now choose from three more popular destinations — Memphis, Rochester and the gateway to New England - Manchester. We are very encouraged by the early momentum Avelo is experiencing here. We're just getting started and look forward to inspiring even more travel among our RDU Customers."

**President and CEO of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority Michael Landguth** said, "The partnership between RDU and Avelo continues to expand as they add more flights, station more aircraft and create more jobs to support the crews based here. We appreciate their investment in the Research Triangle and look forward to growing with them in the future."

With the addition to these three new destinations, Avelo will now serve 10 nonstop destinations from RDU. Manchester, Memphis and Rochester join Connecticut's most convenient airport — Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN) and six Florida cities: Orlando, Tampa, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Sarasota-Bradenton and West Palm Beach.

### **Memphis – Home of Blues, Soul & Rock ‘n’ Roll and Memphis BBQ**

This route will begin on June 14 and operate twice weekly on Fridays and Mondays. Memphis is filled with unexpected fusions: global commerce and local start-ups, high culture and outdoor adventure, soul food and haute cuisine, world-class infrastructure and spectacular green- and blue-ways, rich heritage and forward thinking, and, of course, all the many forms of music born and still being recorded here, which create a wholly original Memphis sound.

### **Manchester, NH – The Premier City in New England and Gateway to Boston**

This route will begin on June 21 and operate twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays. Located in the heart of New England, Manchester is a spectacular combination of a vibrant urban center and the famed natural beauty and abundant recreational opportunities that abound throughout the Granite State. This city’s location is prime—Boston, the Atlantic Coast, and New Hampshire’s scenic White Mountain and Lakes Region are all within an hour’s reach, and with convenient adjacency to major highways.

### **Rochester – Thriving City in the NY Finger Lakes Region**

This route will begin on June 14 and operate twice weekly on Fridays and Mondays. Enjoy this thriving city year-round from world-renowned attractions and historic museums to internationally recognized festivals. Rochester has everything a major metro city has to offer from a cultural standpoint with all the fun and beauty that comes with a four-season adventure destination.

### **Investing in the Community – Proud Sponsor of NC State & ECU Athletics**

Avelo Airlines today announced strategic partnerships with NC State Athletics and East Carolina University, further investing and committing to the Triangle Region and the state of North Carolina. With 10 popular destinations from its base at RDU, Avelo is the best choice for travel to these great universities.

Avelo’s multi-year partnership with NC State will offer NC State students, fans and alumni the opportunity to win complimentary Avelo tickets, receive exclusive promotional codes and more at home games across all major sporting events. Additionally, NC State Athletics fans and alumni will receive special offers from Avelo throughout the year in addition to exclusive promotional offers.

As an official partner of ECU Athletics, Avelo will have brand visibility at ECU football, men and women’s basketball, and baseball games, which include digital graphics, promotional contests, signage, PA announcements and more. ECU and Avelo will also partner on local events and other promotional opportunities through the athletic season.

**General Manager of ECU Sports Properties Clay Walker** said, “We’re excited to partner with Avelo Airlines. Avelo is investing in ECU Athletics and serving Pirate fans by adding routes from the Raleigh-Durham Airport. We look forward to building a long-term partnership with Avelo that benefits Pirate Nation.”

### **Growing Avelo at RDU**

Avelo initially based one Boeing Next-Generation (NG) 737-700 at RDU on February 15, 2023. The airline has hired approximately 50 RDU-based Crewmembers (employees), including Airport Customers Service, Flight Attendants, Pilots, Aircraft Technical Operations and Maintenance, and Supervisors with more career opportunities still available. With the second 737-800, Avelo expects to hire at least 35 additional Crewmembers - expanding the airline's total RDU-based employment total to approximately 85 Crewmembers. In April, Avelo will also swap aircraft from the original 737-700 to a 737-800, adding more capacity at RDU. Candidates can learn more about Avelo career opportunities by visiting [AveloAir.com/Careers](https://AveloAir.com/Careers).

Especially noteworthy is Avelo's transition to Terminal 1. RDU's original terminal represents a substantially more convenient and relaxing airport experience than its substantially larger Terminal 2. Terminal 1 offers Avelo Customers a swift curb-to-gate experience - in contrast to the significantly longer walks and TSA lines found at RDU's Terminal 2. When travelers return from their trip, getting from their plane to baggage claim, and on their way home will be equally fast and seamless.

In addition to RDU, Avelo operates bases at Los Angeles' Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR), Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN), Orlando International Airport (MCO) and the Delaware Valley's Wilmington Airport (ILG).

### **America's Affordable and Convenient Airline**

Avelo was founded with a vision to help its Customers save money and time. Since taking flight on April 28, 2021, Avelo has flown nearly two million Customers on more than 15,000 flights.

In addition to offering Customers everyday low fares on every route, Avelo Customers can always change or cancel their itineraries with no extra fees. Avelo also offers several unbundled travel-enhancing options that give Customers the flexibility to pay for what they value, including priority boarding, checked bags, carry-on overhead bags, and bringing a pet in the cabin.

Additionally, the American-made Boeing 737 jets Avelo flies offer a more spacious and comfortable experience than the small regional aircraft currently operating at most of the airports Avelo serves. Customers who value an advance seat assignment can choose from several modestly priced seating options, including seats with extra leg room, as well as pre-reserved window and aisle seating. One third of seats on Avelo aircraft are available for Customers who appreciate the comfort of extra legroom.

Avelo serves 40 destinations across the U.S. The airline has unlocked a new era of convenience, choice and competition in air travel by flying unserved routes to primarily underserved communities across the country. At least one airport on every Avelo flight is a small hometown airport – making every Avelo journey easier and more enjoyable.

At Avelo, every flight is also nonstop. This connection-free travel experience not only provides Avelo Customers with a faster and simpler travel experience, but also minimizes delays, cancellations and lost bags. In fact, Avelo has established itself as one of America's most reliable airlines with industry-leading on time, completion factor and checked bag handling performance.

Avelo is distinguished by its Soul of Service culture. The culture is grounded in Avelo's One Crew Value which promotes a welcoming and caring experience. By caring for one another and owning their commitments, Avelo Crewmembers focus on anticipating and understanding Customer needs on the ground and in the air.

### **About Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU)**

[The Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority operates Raleigh-Durham International Airport](#). RDU connects central and eastern North Carolina to the people and places that matter most, serving more than 14 million passengers in 2019. RDU powers our region's economy with a \$15.1 billion annual economic impact and supports nearly 100,000 local and regional jobs. RDU was rated in the Top Five in passenger satisfaction among large North American Airports in a [2022 J.D. Power study](#). Learn more online about the [Airport Authority Board](#), including its [monthly meetings](#).

### **About Avelo Airlines**

Avelo Airlines was founded with a simple purpose — to *Inspire Travel*. The airline offers Customers time and money-saving convenience, low everyday fares, and a refreshingly smooth and caring experience through its Soul of Service culture. Operating a fleet of Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft, Avelo serves 40 popular destinations across the U.S., including its five bases at Los Angeles' Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR), Southern Connecticut's Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN), Orlando International Airport (MCO), the Delaware Valley's Wilmington Airport (ILG) and Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU). For more information visit [AveloAir.com](#) or the Avelo Newsroom at [AveloAir.com/Newsroom](#).

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\*Very low, one-way fares include government taxes and fees. Fares start at \$39 between RDU and MEM, MHT and ROC for travel completed by September 6, 2023. Fares must be booked by March 28, 2023. Fares are available on a limited number of flights and seats. Additional fees for carry-on and checked bags, assigned seats and other optional services may apply. A \$20 charge per seated traveler applies to all bookings or changes made through Avelo's Customer Support Center. For full terms and conditions, please see Avelo's [Contract of Carriage](#).