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SLC INTERNATIONAL OFFERS TIPS FOR MEMORIAL DAY TRAVEL

Salt Lake City, UT–Memorial Day weekend is the traditional kick-off to summer travel, and passengers should plan ahead when traveling through Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC).

SLC expects the majority of passengers to depart on the Thursday and Friday leading up to the holiday weekend. On Thursday, May 25, 26,000 passengers are expected through the front door and on Friday, May 26, about 27,000 passengers are expected to depart from SLC. The same number of passengers are expected to arrive at SLC each day as well. These numbers are consistent with Memorial Day numbers from 2022.

Passengers can help ease their travel through the airport by packing smart and allowing plenty of time to find parking, check luggage and go through security screening. The airport recommends arriving two hours prior to boarding for a domestic flight and three hours prior to departure for an international flight.

The following are additional reminders for passengers to help ease the journey from curb to gate:

- Prepare by packing smart. Travelers should be aware of the contents of their carry-on bags prior to leaving home to ensure the bags do not contain prohibited items, which can slow down the screening process. Text travel questions to AskTSA (275-872).
- Reserve parking in advance for the parking garage or long-term/economy parking at <u>www.slcairport.com/parking-and-transportation/parking/</u>
- Follow the rules for traveling with liquids. Gels, liquids and aerosols are limited to 3.4 ounces or less in carry-on luggage. (The general definition for this rule is if it can spill, spray, pump or pour, then it is subject to the liquids restriction rule and best to pack in checked luggage.)
- Check-in on the airline's website or app prior to leaving for SLC.
- Check the airline's website or app to see if the flight is on time or if weather at a connecting city or final destination is causing delays.
- Download The SLC International phone app or check <u>www.slcairport.com</u> to become familiar with the layout of the airport via an interactive map.
- Arrange for a wheelchair in advance through one's airline or by calling (801) 744-4292.

For drivers picking up passengers, SLC recommends checking incoming flight statuses via <u>www.slcairport.com/airlines-flights before heading to the airport</u>. Drivers are asked to remain in the airport's Park and Wait lot until passengers are curbside and ready to be picked up.

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SLC is the 22nd busiest airport in North America and the 47th busiest in the world. More than 315 flights depart daily to 90 plus nonstop destinations. SLC is currently undergoing a \$5.1 billion redevelopment program the first phase of which opened in fall of 2020. Gates on Phase 2 are opening in 2023, while Phase 3 gates and the central tunnel will open in fall 2024.