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Delta To Operate Daily Flights To St. Croix During Christmas Holidays

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ST. CROIX -- Delta Airlines will inaugurate a daily service from Atlanta to St. Croix for three weeks over the peak Christmas holiday season, the Department of Tourism announced Wednesday.

D.O.T. Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty announced that the Atlanta-based carrier will augment its twice weekly winter service from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport to Henry E. Rohlsen Airport with daily flights from December 17, 2016 through January 7, 2017.

"These new flights demonstrate the strong performance of the existing service as well as Delta's commitment to the island of St. Croix," said Mrs. Nicholson-Doty, who welcomed the additional seats over the busy travel season.

According to the release, Governor Kenneth Mapp, who led a government contingent to Delta's Atlanta headquarters last summer, said securing additional seats to St. Croix remains a key priority for his administration and this development complements efforts to bring a four-star hotel to St. Croix, attracting other investments, and pursuing oil and gas as well as manufacturing opportunities.

The commissioner said that the tourism department is strengthening its resolve to increase airlift from the U.S. mainland to the Territory.

"We meet regularly with the airlines and are working steadfastly to introduce more flights to St. Croix, while welcoming new United Airlines flights from Houston to St. Thomas as early as Saturday, May 28," she said.

The United flights will operate from George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston four days a week from early June through mid-August, and the airline will operate daily flights from Washington Dulles International Airport to St. Thomas this summer.