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Alexandria International Airport Shares Tips for Navigating Holiday Air Travel

ALEXANDRIA, La. (October 13, 2026) – With the holidays approaching, Alexandria International Airport (AEX) offers travelers five practical tips to help make seasonal air travel easier.

Tips for Holiday Air Travel

1. **Choose Travel Dates Wisely** – Booking early can provide more flight options and flexibility. If your schedule allows, compare fares across several departure and return dates. Flying on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day may offer potential savings and lighter airport crowds. Consider morning departure times, which have statistically better on-time performance.
2. **Understand What Your Ticket Includes** – Read fare rules carefully. While basic economy offers the lowest fares, standard economy may offer a better value when considering seat-selection fees, carry-on limits, and change penalties.
3. **Book Directly and Use Your Airline's App** – Purchasing tickets directly through an airline's website or app simplifies managing reservations, selecting seats, and handling changes. The app also provides convenient access to mobile boarding passes, gate assignments, flight status, and real-time travel alerts.
4. **Allow Ample Time for Connections** – Build in a reasonable buffer to change terminals or gates, navigate unfamiliar airports, and take a break. Schedule additional time when traveling with passengers needing special assistance.
5. **Arrive Early** – Arrive at AEX 1.5 to 2 hours prior to your scheduled flight to account for parking, check-in, and security screening. Many airlines, including those at AEX, stop accepting checked luggage 45 minutes prior to takeoff.

"Flying out of your hometown airport can simplify your journey from the very beginning," said Ralph Hennessy, Executive Director of the England Economic and Industrial Development District. "Proper planning before and throughout your trip helps save time and money and avoid unnecessary stress. We encourage local residents to consider AEX when making their holiday travel arrangements."

About EEIDD

The England Economic and Industrial Development District (EEIDD) is an independent political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. England Airpark encompasses approximately 4,000 acres and includes Alexandria International Airport (AEX). As a mixed-use development offering convenient connectivity through air, interstate highway, rail, and port access, the Airpark features more than 300 residential units and 1.5 million square feet of commercial space, supporting aviation, transportation, manufacturing, education, and engineering sectors. Learn more at www.Englandairpark.org.

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