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American Airlines Upgrades Charlotte Route with Bigger Plane and First Class Service

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Beginning Monday, January 7, 2019, American Airlines will upgrade flights between Shreveport Regional Airport and Charlotte-Douglas International Airport by operating larger aircraft on both daily flights between the two cities. The larger aircraft is a Canadair Regional Jet CRJ700, which features 65 seats in a two-class configuration, nine first class seats and 56 main cabin seats. Tickets are available now at AA.com.

“The City of Shreveport is excited that American Airlines will upgrade its Shreveport-Charlotte flight to a larger aircraft in 2019,” said Mayor Ollie Tyler. “This is a step in the right direction toward improving air connections, which are critical to providing services for our military, corporate businesses, and citizens in North Louisiana.”

Non-stop service between Shreveport and Charlotte was inaugurated on August 22, 2017, and has been one of the best performing destinations in the airport’s 66-year history with more than 60,000 passengers using the route in its first 14 months.

“With American Airlines upgrading the aircraft to and from Charlotte, it signals to the airlines that there is demand for service like this from our market. If residents of the Ark-La-Tex continue to choose to fly from Shreveport, we will see additional upgrades and new non-stop flights from Shreveport,” said Henry Thompson, Director of Airports for the Shreveport Airport Authority.

American Airlines began serving Shreveport Regional Airport in 1981, offering non-stop flights to Dallas. Since the launch of the Charlotte route last year, American has become the most flown airline in Shreveport. More than 175,000 people have traveled on American so far in 2018 at Shreveport Regional Airport.

Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV) is the commercial carrier airport in Shreveport and serves residents in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. Opened on July 6, 1952, the airport expanded in 1971 to its current building and expanded again in 1999 with an all new central terminal building. SHV is served by four airlines: Allegiant with non-stop service to Las Vegas and Orlando, American Airlines with non-stop service to Charlotte and Dallas, Delta Air Lines with non-stop service to Atlanta, and United Airlines with non-stop service to Houston and Denver.