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## **DELTA INTRODUCES MD-11 AIRCRAFT ON CINCINNATI TO FRANKFURT FLIGHTS**

**CINCINNATI, OH**, December 5, 1995 -- When Delta Air Lines Flight 48 departs from Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport tomorrow (December 6, 1995) at 7:15 p.m. for Frankfurt, Germany a new era for area travelers will begin.

"With the redeployment of some of our aircraft beginning with the December schedule change, passengers here will be able to enjoy the benefits of flying on the McDonnell Douglas international range MD-11 aircraft," said Kim Conlee, Delta's district sales director.

Delta had announced in August it was expanding its service at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport by eight percent as it adds more flights and service to new nonstop destinations.

Starting this month, Delta adds a new afternoon connecting complex of flights for a total of nine complexes throughout the day. New nonstop service has been added to Ontario (CA), San Antonio and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Delta will introduce additional flight frequencies to 25 destinations from Cincinnati. More flights have been added to Albany, Buffalo, Chicago, Columbus (OH), Hartford, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Louisville, Miami, Nashville, New Orleans, New York (LaGuardia), Newark, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Providence, Raleigh/Durham, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa and Washington, D.C. (Dulles).

Cincinnati became Delta's second largest hub with this summer's schedule. The completion in late 1994 of Delta's \$375 million expansion nearly doubled the size of its Cincinnati facilities. Delta will operate 216 flights with the new winter schedule, bringing even more convenience to passengers in markets previously served over other, more congested Midwest hubs.

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In 1988, Delta became the first U.S. passenger carrier to order the MD-11 and today operates a modern fleet of 11 of the three-engine aircraft. Delta was utilizing MD-11s on its Pacific routes, but with schedule changes December 1, will now use three of its MD-11 fleet on North Atlantic routes.

The Frankfurt flight departs daily at 7:15 p.m. and arrives in Frankfurt at 9:25 a.m. the next morning. The return flight departs Frankfurt at 11:30 a.m. and arrives in Cincinnati at 3 p.m. each day.

In addition to the Frankfurt service, Delta offers transatlantic service to London, Paris and Zurich, with 28 weekly flights. The Zurich flight is a Swissair code-share operated by a Delta crew and Delta aircraft.

"This is an aircraft we at Delta are very proud to have in our fleet. It is one of the world's most technologically advanced passenger airplanes and brings very high standards of convenience and comfort to the international traveler," Conlee added.

The MD-11 carries 248 passengers, with accommodations for 16 in First Class, 53 in Business Class and 179 in Economy. With its long range, the aircraft is well-suited for Delta's Cincinnati to Frankfurt service.

Featuring advances in aerodynamics, propulsion, aircraft systems, cockpit avionics and interior design, Delta presently has four more of the aircraft on order.

Delta and the Delta Connection carriers operate more than 4,800 flights each day to 297 cities in 48 states and 29 countries around the world. Delta is the official airline of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The carrier was recently named first in airline customer satisfaction for both long and short distance flights in a J.D. Power and Associates poll of frequent flyers.

For the fourth consecutive year, Delta Air Lines has been designated "Best Airline" by the ROBB REPORT's annual "Best of the Best" exclusive readership survey, in which magazine readers vote their opinions in more than 35 different categories. The ROBB REPORT, a major up-scale consumer magazine, conducted its

1995 survey by polling its subscribers regarding products, places and services which epitomize the utmost in excellence.

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