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## International Travel from MSP Gets a Boost with Return of Icelandair

(Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN) Icelandair will resume service to Iceland from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) on June 20 as international travel from the U.S. continues its recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Icelandair will begin operating four flights weekly on 160-seat Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft to Keflavik International Airport (KEF), which serves Iceland's capital city of Reykjavik. The service will then expand to daily flights on July 16 on 216-seat Boeing 757 aircraft.

"Iceland is now open to all vaccinated travelers from the U.S. and Europe, which is beginning to open their borders as well," said Bogi Nils Bogason, CEO of Icelandair. "We are

pleased to return to Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport with non-stop flights to Iceland and connections to the U.K., Scandinavia and Central Europe."

"Icelandair has a great 20-year history serving the Twin Cities, and we're excited for its return this summer," said Brian Ryks, CEO of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, which operates MSP. "There's a lot of pent-up demand for international travel, and Icelandair offers great options for direct flights to the island or a connecting point to more than 20 other trans-Atlantic destinations."

MSP is seeing a big boost in travel this summer as COVID-19 restrictions unwind along with increasing vaccination rates. The airport set a single day pandemic-era passenger record of 31,500 passengers through TSA checkpoints on Sunday, June 13. Airlines are operating 404 daily departures to 184 destinations in June (177 domestic and 7 international). A year ago in June, airlines were operating 139 daily departures. Next month, airlines are scheduled to operate 421 daily departures.

**For more information on Icelandair flights go to [Icelandair.com](https://www.icelandair.com).**

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