






HOLIDAY TRAVEL TIPS

May your travels be merry and bright

The holidays are quickly approaching, which means another busy travel season is upon us. Use these important travel tips to have a magical journey through AVL:

 **ARRIVAL:** Hang the stockings by the chimney with care but be sure to arrive at the airport at least two hours before your boarding time. This will allow you time to park, check-in and get through security.

 **NO WAITING ON THE CURB:** Be like Rudolph and keep that sleigh moving! If you are picking up passengers, please be aware that waiting on the curb in front of the terminal is prohibited. There is a complimentary Cell Phone Lot located across the street from the main airport entrance that can be used for waiting.

 **RENTAL CAR DROP OFFS:** Save time by taking the shortest route. Instead of using the main entrance and going down Terminal Drive, use the airport entrance to the south (near the

Marathon gas station) and follow signs for rental car drop off.

PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF PASSENGERS: Give your friends and family the gift of a smooth drop-off or pick-up. Passengers can be dropped off at the north end of the terminal, outside of the new ticket lobby area. Passengers can be picked up in the same location or at the south end, past baggage claim.

RIDE APP PICKUP: Pickup for ride apps (like Uber and Lyft) and taxis are located in Shuttle Lot South. This lot is located to the south of the terminal and can be accessed by complimentary airport parking shuttle (recommended) or via sidewalk (approximately a 10-minute walk). While you wait for your ride, you can debate whether or not *Die Hard* is a Christmas movie.

PARKING: 🎵 All we want for Christmas is yooooouuu 🎵 ...to have the best experience possible. Live parking numbers and a map of our parking areas are available on our [website](#) to help you make a parking plan before you arrive. If all primary lots are full, proceed to lots A, B, or C as available.

LOOKING FOR THE SHUTTLE? The Polar Express doesn't stop at AVL but our shuttles will get you where you need to go! There are two shuttle stop locations for the AVL Parking Shuttle (which service our Daily and Shuttle Lots) on the front curb. Check out the map to see the most convenient location for your journey.

REAL ID: You may have sent Santa your wish list, but don't forget that you will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or other acceptable form of ID (like a passport) at the security checkpoint. This is something Santa can't deliver, so visit [tsa.gov](https://www.tsa.gov) for more information.

FLIGHT STATUS: Sip your peppermint mocha or hot chocolate and keep an eye on your flight status by downloading your airline's app or checking directly on your airline's website. Be conscious of any delays, gate changes or other updates.

PACK SMART: Make sure your snow globe is in a checked bag! Check out the TSA website for more information about the [3-1-1 liquids policy](#) and the ["What can I bring?" tool](#).

We look forward to welcoming travelers to AVL during this festive time and hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season!



2025 AVL RUNWAY 5K

Check out the photos

Thank you to our amazing community for participating in this year's AVL Runway 5K. Once again, we had a sold-out race, incredible sponsors and a lot of plane spotting! It was a beautiful fall day filled with fun, food and festivity. We are crunching the numbers and look forward to announcing

this year's donation to our three recipients: A-B Tech Aviation Scholarship Fund, WNC Pilots Association Foundation Scholarship Fund, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC.

Save-the-date! The AVL Runway 5K will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Registration will open in the spring, so stay tuned to Window Seat for more information.

[VIEW 2025 EVENT PHOTOS](#)

The 2025 AVL Runway 5K was brought to you in partnership with



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WNC HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AND GIFTS

Check out these festive local events and gift ideas

Whether you are local or flying through AVL to visit, there are plenty of exciting holiday activities to take part in around WNC this season. Click the links for more information and dates from our community partners:

- [Christmas at Biltmore](#)
- [Winter Lights at the NC Arboretum](#)
- [The National Gingerbread House Competition at the Omni Grove Park Inn](#)
- [The Great Smoky Mountains Railroad Polar Express Train Ride](#)
- [Santa Holiday Farm Tours at Winchester Creek Farm](#)
- [Winter Wonder Walks at the Adventure Center of Asheville](#)
- [Holiday shopping in the River arts District](#)

- **A Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas**
- **Lazoom's Hey Asheville: Holiday Edition tour**
- **Holly Jolly Christmas Trolley Tour**
- **Asheville holiday events**
- **Hendersonville holiday events**
- **Black Mountain holiday events**

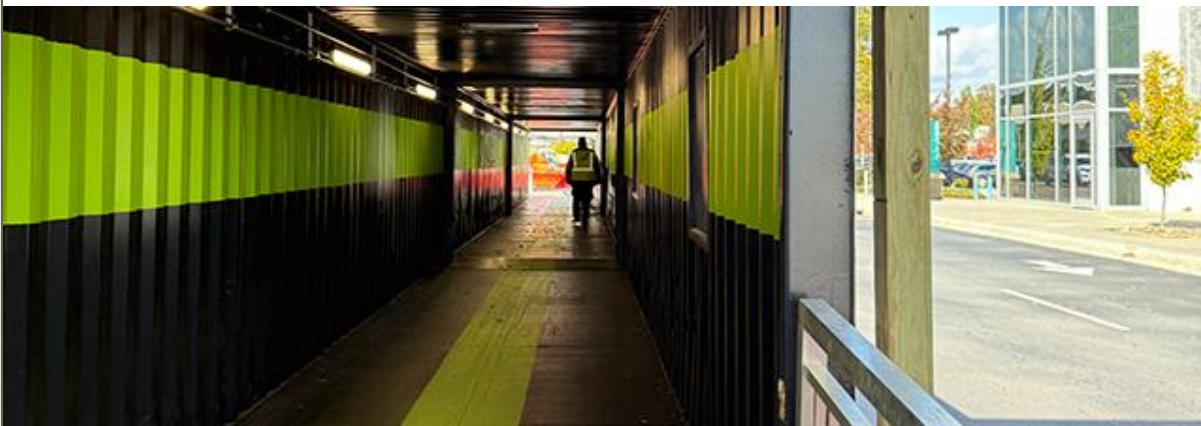
Holiday shopping on the fly! A local gift highlight available for purchase at AVL.



Ella B. Candles: These hand-poured, pure-soy candles already come in a beautiful box, so you don't have to worry if wrapping presents isn't your thing. These small batch candles aren't sold online, so be sure to stock up!



Chad's Carolina Corn: Chad's Carolina Corn is a locally-made gourmet popcorn that comes in a variety of fun flavors from savory to sweet. Give the gift of crunchy, delicious snacking this holiday season.



AVL IN THE NEWS

Highlighting the new passenger journey

Passengers at AVL will experience a new set of journey options as they move through the terminal. Some local news outlets have covered this important new passenger journey experience as well as the move into Phase 2 of the terminal construction project. Check out the local news coverage below:

Blue Ridge Public Radio

WLOS

Blue Ridge Now

FIND YOUR JOURNEY



TRAVELING WITH PETS

Things to know before you go

Traveling with a furry friend? Here's a tail-wagging tip: Take a quick pit stop for some fresh air and your pup's pre-flight business. AVL's pet relief area is a cozy grass patch located just a few steps north of the terminal along the sidewalk. Already at your gate? No problem. Check with your airline attendant for access to the post-security pet relief area.

VIEW THE MAP



FLY NONSTOP FROM AVL TO AUSTIN AND HOUSTON

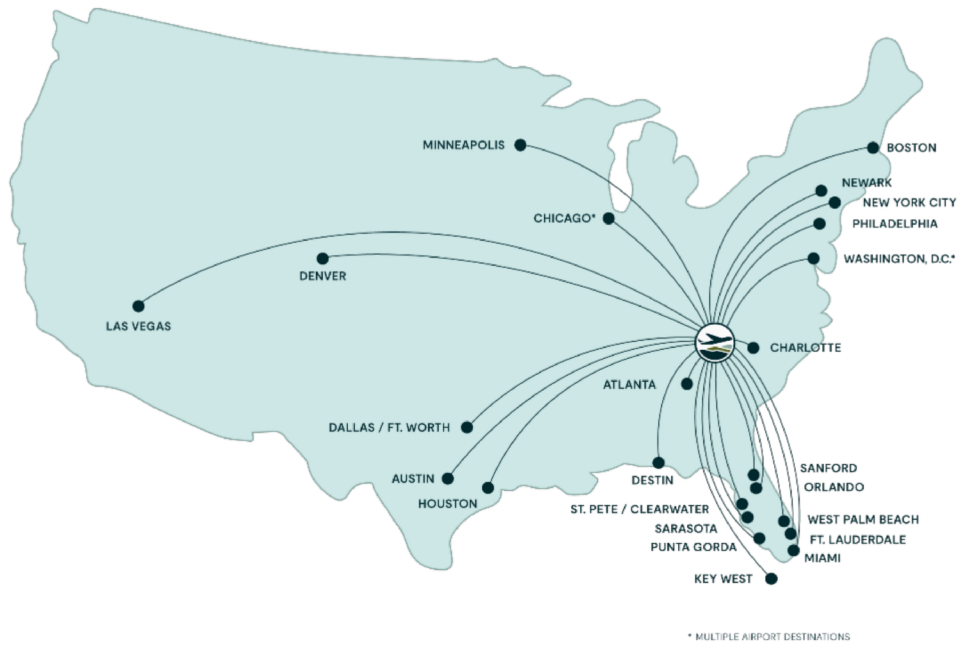
Spring season flights to Texas on Allegiant available for purchase

Don't mess with Texas! Tickets for the new season for nonstop flights from AVL to Austin (AUS) and Houston (HOU) on Allegiant are now on sale. Texas' state capitol (Austin) and largest city (Houston) both offer exciting experiences and unforgettable Texas charm. Book your flight today and get your cowboy hat ready for some Texas-sized fun!



BOOK A FLIGHT

26 NONSTOP DESTINATIONS. LET'S GO!



BOOK YOUR FLIGHT TODAY



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