



THANKSGIVING TRAVEL TIPS

Make your holiday travel as easy as (pumpkin) pie

The busy fall travel season is well underway. Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, one of the busiest travel weeks of the year, and the number of travelers at US airports is expected to be at an all-time high. Check out these important travel tips to make your holiday journey through AVL as easy as (pumpkin) pie:

 **ARRIVAL:** Turkey trot your way to the airport early and arrive at least two hours before your scheduled boarding time. This will allow time to park, check in and get through the security process.

 **NO WAITING ON THE CURB:** Like the Thanksgiving Day parade, you have to keep the line 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:** 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. Be sure not to leave the cornucopia in the trunk.

 **PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF PASSENGERS:** 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 north end, past baggage claim and the covered walkway. No fumbles or interceptions, just one smooth run into the End Zone (doing a touchdown dance is optional).

 **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). This pickup area may be accessed via sidewalk approximately a 10-minute walk from the baggage claim (which could mean guilt free pie after dinner).

 **PARKING:** To avoid circling like Thanksgiving leftovers in the microwave, make a plan for parking before you arrive at the airport. Live parking numbers and a map of our parking areas are available on our [website](#). If all primary lots are full, proceed to lots A, B, or C as available.

 **LOOKING FOR THE SHUTTLE?** There are two shuttle stop locations for the AVL Parking Shuttle (which services all of the lots): at the north end of the terminal near the new ticket lobby and TSA checkpoint and at the south end of the terminal past baggage claim. Hotel airport shuttles pick up at the south end of the terminal across from baggage claim (near the parking garage). Be sure to contact your hotel to make sure they offer airport shuttle service. Feel free to continue the argument over who gets the drumsticks on board.

 **REAL ID:** You may have gotten the bigger piece of the wishbone, 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. Visit [tsa.gov](#) for more information.

 **FLIGHT STATUS:** Sip your pumpkin spice latte 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 gravy is in a checked bag (unless you're only bringing 3.4 ounces of it). 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 fall travelers to AVL and hope that everyone has a wonderful autumn adventure!



AVL FORWARD — PHASE 2

A new journey for passengers

Phase 2 of AVL Forward officially kicks off this week, marking a major milestone in transforming the terminal. During this time, Terminal Drive will be reduced to two lanes between ticketing and baggage claim to accommodate construction. Additional traffic control officers will be on duty seven days a week during peak arrival times to help keep things moving safely and efficiently. To help passengers navigate smoothly and reduce congestion, the airport has developed a new

Driving Journey Map that outlines the most efficient routes to each destination. Please check this map and additional ground transportation or parking information before heading to the airport.

Demolition has begun on most of the legacy terminal to make way for the new facilities. Passengers will now experience a new set of journey options as they move through the terminal. Depending on your destination this may include a journey outside the main buildings and through a covered pathway. To support this transition, new **Passenger Journey Maps** for both departing and arriving passengers have been created to clearly guide travelers to ticketing, baggage claim, and other key destinations around the airport with ease and confidence. These maps are available on our website and throughout the ground level of the terminal.

This is an exciting time in AVL's history, and we are grateful to our community for your understanding through the construction process and as we continue to move AVL Forward. Please, continue to arrive early and check our website and social media for the latest updates.

New Journey Maps to support your specific needs



**ARRIVING PASSENGER
JOURNEY**



**DEPARTING PASSENGER
JOURNEY**



DRIVING JOURNEY

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INSIGHT: AVL FORWARD

Returning for Phase 2



INSIGHT: AVL FORWARD is a quarterly newsletter that delivers in-depth articles, photos, and videos detailing what is happening at the airport, the timeline and, most importantly, why things are happening.

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WE'RE LISTENING

And answering your questions

From Instagram:

"Can you answer a question about shuttle service next? Why are there no transit options to AVL and why are there so many parking lots?" — Anna S.

Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) is served by a variety of ground transportation providers including public transportation, ride app services, taxis, private car services, hotel shuttles, rental car companies, and more. Although the airport doesn't operate these services, we work with a wide variety of organizations to support passengers' needs.

If you prefer to drive your personal vehicle, AVL has up to eight parking lots with expanded options coming soon. In addition, five of the eight parking lots currently have technology that allow you to check live parking availability on the airport's website and know where to go even before you leave your house. AVL has structured its parking to match demand and convenience: there's an hourly lot and garage right next to the terminal, a daily lot just beyond that, and the overflow lots located a little further away served by a shuttle system that operates in accordance with the airlines' flight schedules.

To learn more about the transportation options based on your specific needs, visit AVL's [Parking + Transportation webpage](#). To see where the location of these options are at AVL [view our parking map](#) and the parking webpage which also includes the [live parking availability](#).



FLY NONSTOP FROM AVL TO DENVER

Two airlines, one great nonstop destination!

Asheville isn't the only place with great fall foliage. Nestled in the Rocky Mountains, Denver is a city of beautiful scenery and a hub for outdoor adventure. Ski season is also quickly approaching; epic slopes and pristine powder are one nonstop flight away!

Don't miss out on beautiful sights and outdoor excitement. Book your nonstop flight from AVL to Denver today.



BOOK A FLIGHT

25 NONSTOP DESTINATIONS. LET'S GO!



BOOK YOUR FLIGHT TODAY



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