

# Southwest Airlines unveils plan for lounge network across U.S.



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[Southwest Airlines Co.](#) has unveiled plans for its first-ever airport lounge network, marking the next chapter of the Southwest Airlines® travel experience.

Southwest is partnering with Chase to bring together Southwest's signature Hospitality and the success of the Chase Sapphire Reserve Lounge Network<sup>SM</sup> to create a premium and welcoming airport experience. Each lounge will combine the warmth and friendliness passengers expect from Southwest with sophisticated design, locally-inspired dining, high-quality amenities and valuable travel benefits that are offered today in the Chase Sapphire Reserve Lounge Network.

"Southwest Airlines has built one of the most trusted brands in travel by delivering authentic Hospitality that Customers value. Our lounges will be a natural extension of that experience, offering Customers a place to relax and experience the Southwest brand in a new way," said Tony Roach, Executive Vice President, Chief Customer & Brand Officer at Southwest Airlines. "The introduction of a lounge network represents a strategic investment in Rapid Rewards and deepens our 30-year partnership with Chase."

Construction has begun on the first four Southwest lounges, and the first passengers are expected to be welcomed in late 2027, Southwest said in its September 2 press release. These locations include:

- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
- Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport
- Daniel K. Inouye (Honolulu) International Airport
- Nashville International Airport

"This is just the beginning of a broader footprint across the Southwest system, with at least seven more lounges planned to open over the next several years across high-demand business and leisure markets," the airline said.

A new, premium, Southwest Rapid Rewards® Credit Card issued by Chase will be launching in 2027 and will provide access to the new Southwest lounge network.