

# News from the Town of Islip



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## **Breeze Airways and Long Island MacArthur Airport Celebrate New Non-Stop Destinations**

**Islip, NY – May 18, 2023** –Long Island MacArthur Airport today celebrated all eight Breeze Airways' destinations from Long Island MacArthur Airport (ISP) with an inaugural "Feel the Summer Breeze" sendoff for customers flying to Richmond, VA. The airport and airline marked the event with a water curtain salute from the Airport Fire Rescue Team.

"We are delighted to see Breeze Airways grow and provide so many new destinations at Long Island MacArthur Airport. These flights are reasonably priced so local residents can enjoy easy getaways to fun new places. These are eight Seriously Nice destinations, on New York's Seriously Nice Airline, from New York's Seriously Nice Airport. The service will also bring visitors to Long Island which helps our local businesses thrive," said Town of Islip Supervisor Angie Carpenter.

Breeze Airways is entering its third year of service this month, and is adding non-stop routes here on Long Island and across the country. To celebrate this milestone, Breeze Airways is also putting many of their routes on sale from New York for June travel with Welcome Summer Fares as low as \$44 one way.

The carrier's focus on flexibility, ease, comfort and affordability, is helping Breeze define a new category of air service – Nice Low-Cost Carrier or NLCC. Throughout the month of May, Breeze will be showcasing its tagline, Seriously Nice.™

"Since Breeze started flying two years ago, we have been serious about igniting positive change within a stagnant, oftentimes unfriendly, industry through our unique combination of low fares, flexible policies, efficient flights and Seriously Nice Team Members and experience," said David Neeleman, Breeze Airways' Founder and CEO. "We are going 'all in' this May to stake our claim in Nice Low-Cost Carrier or 'NLCC' by highlighting all the things that make up this unique model

starting with dozens of new flight inaugurals and our lowest fares right ahead of the summer season,” he added.

Breeze initially began serving Charleston, SC and Norfolk, VA non-stop from Long Island MacArthur Airport in February, 2022. In February, 2023, Breeze announced the addition of non-stop flights to Pittsburgh and Richmond, which culminates with today’s inaugural. Additionally, this April, Breeze Airways added non-stop seasonal service to Portland, ME, and year-round service to Raleigh-Durham, both beginning in June. The carrier also offers same-plane BreezeThru flights to Jacksonville and New Orleans to further widen local travel options.

“It’s inspiring to see Breeze Airways growing so quickly here at Long Island MacArthur Airport. Throughout the month of May, expect to notice a lot of excitement building on Long Island for our newest air carrier,” said Airport Commissioner Shelley LaRose-Arken. “These are Seriously Nice destinations and our customers will really enjoy feeling the ‘Summer Breeze’ all over Long Island,” she added.

Support for the airport within the Long Island community is strong and unified as MacArthur Airport seeks to provide more air travel options. “Airlines tell us that they take notice of a supportive traveling public, of visionary businesses, and solid community leadership, as they make decisions on where to place their valuable assets such as aircraft and flight crews,” Carpenter said. “We are actively communicating our support for new destinations to our air carrier partners. Today, we celebrate that effort with Breeze Airways, and we could not be more grateful that Breeze recognizes our excellent location and the potential for successful growth at ISP,” she added.

### **ABOUT BREEZE AIRWAYS**

Breeze Airways began service in May 2021. One year later, it was ranked as the No. 2 U.S. best domestic airline of 2021 by *Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards*. Breeze now offers a mix of 147 year-round and seasonal nonstop routes between 36 cities in 22 states. Founded by aviation entrepreneur David Neeleman, Breeze operates a fleet of Embraer 190/195 and Airbus A220-300 aircraft, with a focus on providing efficient and affordable flights between secondary airports, bypassing hubs for shorter travel times. With seamless booking, no change or cancellation fees, up to 24-months of reusable flight credit and customized flight features – including complimentary family seating - delivered via a sleek and simple app, Breeze makes it easy to buy and easy to fly. Flights are on sale at [flybreeze.com](https://flybreeze.com) and via the Breeze app.

**ABOUT LONG ISLAND MACARTHUR AIRPORT:** MacArthur Airport is on Long Island approximately 50 miles from New York City. It is the closest airport to nearly 3 million Long Island residents, and to world-renowned attractions including the famous Hamptons, Wine Country, lighthouses, Fire Island, excellent theatre, award-winning restaurants, and Gatsby-era mansions. The Town of Islip owns and operates the airport, served by Breeze Airways, Frontier Airlines, and Southwest Airlines. Access to the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) makes getting around Nassau and Suffolk counties convenient. Train service from the Ronkonkoma / MacArthur Airport LIRR to New York City provides frequent transport. Long Island MacArthur

Airport employs 6000 people directly and indirectly, with a \$16M annual operating budget and an economic impact of \$600M to the region and local economy.

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