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SINGAPORE AIRLINES ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL SERVICE TO LAS VEGAS

SINGAPORE and LAS VEGAS, Nev. – March 15, 2002 – Singapore Airlines, McCarran International Airport and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA) today announced the airline's inaugural service into Las Vegas, marking the first non-stop service to the destination from Southeast Asia. It will commence on August 2, 2002.

The new flight, SQ#08, will operate from Singapore to Hong Kong to Las Vegas on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. The flights depart Singapore at 3:30 p.m. and arrive in Hong Kong at 7:15 p.m. After a short layover, the flight departs Hong Kong at 8:25 p.m. before arriving in Las Vegas at 7:10 p.m. the same day.

The return flight, SQ#09, departs Las Vegas on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1:30 a.m., and arrives in Hong Kong at 7:30 a.m. the next day. The flight then departs Hong Kong for Singapore at 9:05 a.m., arriving at 12:40 p.m. Total flying time from Las Vegas to Singapore is estimated at 18 hours, 35 minutes.

“Beyond its legendary casinos, Las Vegas has grown to become an exciting destination with a wide range of attractions, from shopping to dining to world-class entertainment,” said Michael Tan, senior executive vice president of Singapore Airlines. “It has also become a popular home for mega-conferences, exhibitions and incentive programs throughout the year. This new flight offers the convenience of connection-free, direct service to one of America's most vibrant leisure and convention destinations,” he said.

Consistently ranked among the nation's 10 busiest airports, McCarran International Airport served more than 35 million passengers in 2001. The airport is home to more than 25 scheduled air carriers, serving more than 70 non-stop destinations, including international destinations in Japan, Mexico, Canada and the United Kingdom.

“This service, which is the culmination of many years of work with Singapore Airlines, continues the tradition of world-class air carriers operating at McCarran International Airport,” said Randall H. Walker, director, Clark County Department of Aviation. “We welcome this new international service, which will mean so much to business travelers, residents and visitors – and look forward continuing to build our relationship with Singapore Airlines.”

Each year, Las Vegas hosts more than four million international visitors; in 2001 alone, more than 35 million visitors traveled to Las Vegas for business and leisure. Additionally, Asian markets account for six of the top 20 international markets traveling to Las Vegas annually.

“We are proud to welcome Singapore Airlines, one of the leading airlines in the world,” said Manuel J. Cortez, president and CEO of the LVCVA. “This further indicates that Las Vegas is a desirable international destination, and we hope more international air carriers follow Singapore Airlines’ lead by opening their markets to our vibrant city.”

Las Vegas will be Singapore Airlines’ seventh destination in North America, joining New York (JFK), Newark, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and Vancouver, Canada.

SIA will operate new, Boeing 777-200 Extended Range aircraft on the route, accommodating 255 Economy Class and 30 Raffles (Business) Class passengers. The 777-200ER is a wide-body, twin-engine aircraft and the newest addition to the SIA fleet.

Singapore Airlines, together with its regional subsidiary, SilkAir, fly to 91 destinations in 40 countries. Together with their code-share partners, SIA has a reach of 110 destinations in 41 countries.

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