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CVG passengers to receive upgraded lounge experience*Escape Lounge to invest an estimated \$7.4 million*

Erlanger, Ky. (December 11, 2024) – The current Escape Lounge at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) is moving to a new, larger space to elevate the passenger experience. The Escape Lounge in Concourse B has been operating at CVG since 2019 and is planning to expand services in the new location. The airport has seen incredible growth over the last several years, and the lounge experience has grown in popularity at CVG and across the country.

“CVG continues to experience year-over-year passenger growth, and the new Escape Lounge location will provide significantly more space for more customers,” said Candace McGraw, chief executive officer, CVG. “Escape Lounge has five years of experience at CVG and is well-suited to continue to provide premium amenities for our travelers.”

[Link to Escape Lounge renderings](#)

The Escape Lounge is moving to a repurposed space near gate B12 above the current Fifth Third Bank location. The estimated \$7.4 million investment will renovate 6,767 square feet of space on the mezzanine level of Concourse B. It will be more than four times the size of the current Escape Lounge location and is expected to open in late 2025.

Current design plans will feature four zones:

- **The Bluegrass Backstage** zone is a bar that showcases local breweries and distilleries and pays homage to the bluegrass tradition.
- **The Riverbank Retreat** is a tranquil dining area that is inspired by the natural beauty of the Ohio River.
- **The Queen City Oasis** zone has ample comfortable seating options and features a collection of local artwork.
- **The Maker’s Mark** workshop (pictured right) has banquette seating that captures the region’s industrial heritage.



The rotating Escape Lounge menu will offer a mix of local and international flavors.

- **Breakfast:** rotating breakfast items including breakfast meats, scrambled eggs, and pancakes, or biscuits
- **Daytime:** Entrée dishes such as roasted and seasoned chicken, barbeque chicken or pulled beef with homemade cornbread; pasta dishes; soup of the day; salads; cold sandwiches
- **Snacks:** sophisticated savory snacks, including cured meats, cheeses, nuts, tortilla chips with salsa and dip and potato chips. In addition to a range of cookies, muffins, donuts, and cakes.



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CVG welcomed 8.7 million travelers in 2023, which represents a 15%+ increase over 2022. CVG offers the lowest airfares in its Tri-State region and 55+ nonstop destinations with 14 airlines/tour operators. CVG boasts two nonstop transatlantic flights to London via British Airways, as well as Paris-CDG through Delta Air Lines. CVG is the 6th largest cargo airport in North America with two global air hubs on campus continuing to drive growth. With an annual impact of \$9.3 billion on the local economy, the airport drives regional growth and remains a leader in aviation innovation. Learn more at CVGairport.com.