## **Press Release**



## Inaugural Condor flight to Washington/Baltimore

Leisure carrier starts two weekly services to the US capital

Frankfurt, July 3, 2012 – The inaugural Condor flight to Baltimore/Washington airport (BWI) took off from Frankfurt yesterday right on schedule. From now on, a Boeing 767-300 will fly nonstop to the Washington/Baltimore region twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, as the leisure carrier's new service. Condor is establishing a direct connection for its passengers to the US capital of Washington, D.C., as well as Baltimore in Maryland. Vacationers wanting to travel on to Washington, D.C. receive free of charge train tickets in comfort in the aircraft.

The Washington/Baltimore region has plenty to offer its visitors with Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. While the U.S. capital can boast sights such as the White House, the Capitol, and the Washington Monument, Baltimore, the domain of the famous writer Edgar Allan Poe offers a culture steeped in literature, as well as countless museums. Nature-lovers are also catered for and will delight in the impressive scenery of the region between Chesapeake Bay and the Appalachians.

"The demand among our passengers for flights to North America is steadily increasing, and Americans also like flying to Germany", says Ralf Teckentup, Chairman of the Management Board at Condor. "This is why we are extending our flight program, not only by the extra Canadian destination of Toronto, but also by another attractive destination, this nonstop-service to the Washington/Baltimore region, which will help to give our flight plan even greater variety for our passengers."

Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) welcomed the first Condor aircraft in the traditional way, with a water salute. As a greeting, the cockpit crew of the inaugural flight waved both a German and an American flag from the cockpit window.

Also Paul J. Wiedefield, Executive Director of BWI Marshall, was content with the new connection: "This important new international air service demonstrates the continued growth and success of BWI Marshall Airport. It offers residents from Maryland and the National Capital region direct access to a premier global gateway. Condor will offer business and leisure travelers more options, competitive fares, and excellent customer service."

Customers wishing to enter the USA must make an ESTA application (Electronic System for Travel Authorization). For more information, go to <u>https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/</u>.

Flights from Frankfurt to Baltimore-Washington are available starting from all-inclusive oneway prices of 349,99 Euro in Economy Class, 849,99 Euro in Premium Economy, and 849,99 Euro in Comfort Class. Condor flights can be booked online at condor.com, by phone on 01805/767757 (0.14 euro/min. from your landline in Germany, from a mobile, max. 0.42 euro/min.), or through your travel agent.

Photographic material is available in Condor's Social Media Newsroom at http://newsroom.condor.com.

Condor Flugdienst GmbH has been flying passengers on vacation to the loveliest destinations in the world since 1956. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thomas Cook, one of the world's leading tour operators. Each year, Condor flies more than six million passengers to about 75 destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa and America. The leisure airline's fleet comprises 36 modern, eco-friendly aircrafts: twelve Airbus A320s, one Airbus A321, thirteen Boeing 757-300s and ten Boeing 767-300s. All Boeing aircrafts are serviced by Condor Technik GmbH, while the Airbus fleet is serviced by Condor Berlin GmbH. Both these companies are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Condor Flugdienst GmbH.

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