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Growing in the Caribbean! Spirit Airlines to Add New Service to St. Croix

Nonstop service from Fort Lauderdale begins May 24, 2018

MIRAMAR, Fla., Feb. 20, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- More crystal blue water, more palm trees, more toes in the sand and More Go to the Caribbean with Spirit Airlines. Beginning May 24, 2018, Spirit will connect Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) with nonstop service to St. Croix's Henry E. Rohlsen Airport (STX). The service will run three times per week on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. The Caribbean island will become Spirit's 65th destination, following last week's addition of Columbus, OH, and upcoming new service to Richmond, VA; Guayaquil, Ecuador; and Cap Haitien, Haiti.

"Spirit is proud of its strong connection to the Caribbean, and we're thrilled to bring more ultra-low fares to the U.S. Virgin Islands," said Mark Kopczak, Spirit Airlines' Vice President of Network Planning. "With this new service to St. Croix, and our continuing resumption of service to the other islands impacted by last year's hurricanes, we are excited to expand on our 12 years of service to the region and continue to deliver ultra-low fares for tourists and locals alike."

"The U.S. Virgin Islands is making tremendous progress in its recovery from last September's hurricanes," said Kenneth E. Mapp, Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands. "The decision by Spirit Airlines to provide service to St. Croix not only provides additional options for travelers to and from the mainland, but also signals confidence in the Territory's continued growth and progress."

Spirit continues to rebuild to its full historic Caribbean scheduled service levels. On March 10, service to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands and to San Juan and Aguadilla in Puerto Rico all return to pre-storm, daily service. On April 12, Spirit will also celebrate expanded service to Kingston, Jamaica for the summer season and new nonstop service to Cap Haitien, Haiti. Spirit intends to resume its Saturday-only service to St. Maarten on May 5, 2018.

"This additional service helps to meet the growing demand for air service into St. Croix, the largest of the U.S. Virgin Islands," said Beverly Nicholson Doty, Commissioner of Tourism U.S. Virgin Islands. "We thank Spirit Airlines for its commitment to the Territory and look forward to developing our expanding partnership."

Guests can check out the crazy-low fares and vacation packages available to all of Spirit's destinations at spirit.com, where they can also sign up to receive alerts on Spirit's email deals and offers.

About Spirit Airlines:

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