

Weekly Newsletter

We're So Glad You're Here

Big News From Tulsa International Airport for 2026

Tulsa International Airport is taking off this spring with exciting new nonstop options—making travel easier, faster, and more convenient than ever.

Get ready to welcome Alaska Airlines to TUL with daily nonstop flights to Seattle and San Diego beginning March 18, 2026. These two destinations have long topped travelers' wish lists, and soon they'll be just one smooth flight away.

Even more big news arrives in May. Sun Country Airlines will introduce twice-weekly seasonal nonstop service to Minneapolis–Saint Paul and Cancún starting May 21, 2026. The Cancún route marks a historic milestone as Tulsa's first-ever commercial international nonstop flight. Seats are already on sale, making now the perfect time to start planning your next trip.

Another innovative tool is on the way making it easier to find the best flights out of Tulsa with FlyMyAirport. This new flight search tool available at flytulsa.com. You can search schedules, compare fares, and explore destinations—all in one place, customized for travel from TUL. Whether it's a quick getaway or a major adventure, FlyMyAirport helps you find the right option faster.

And there's more good news on the ground: one of the most requested dining additions is officially underway. Starbucks is coming to TUL, with a new location opening this spring past security on Concourse B, near the Southwest, United, and Frontier gates—perfect for grabbing your favorite coffee before takeoff.

All of these changes mean more flights, more destinations and more convenience at Tulsa International. ✈️

Travel Costs Are Rising in 2026—Here's Why

Travel isn't just getting pricier because of flights and hotels. In 2026, many destinations are rolling out new tourist taxes, fees, and entry requirements aimed at managing crowds, supporting local communities, and protecting the environment. Here are the key changes U.S. travelers should know:

New Travel Authorizations

- United Kingdom: Short-term visitors will need an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) costing about \$22, valid for two years.
- European Union (ETIAS): Starting late 2026, travelers to 30 European countries will need ETIAS authorization, costing about \$24 (free for those under 18 or over 70).

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Higher Tourist Taxes

- Kyoto: Tourist tax increases significantly, adding roughly \$6–\$66 per night depending on room rate.
- Hawaii: A new 10% "Green Fee" on hotels and vacation rentals begins January 2026.
- Edinburgh: A 5% tax on overnight stays starts July 2026.
- Norway: Select regions may add up to a 3% lodging tax.
- Netherlands: Overnight accommodation tax jumps from 9% to 21% nationwide.

New or Higher Attraction Fees

- Trevi Fountain (Rome): €2 fee to access the site up close. That's equivalent to \$2.36 USD
- Louvre (Paris): Admission for non-European visitors increases to €32. That's equivalent to \$37.82 USD
- Palace of Versailles: Admission rises to €25 for non-European visitors. That's equivalent to \$29.55 USD

Bottom line: Budget a little extra and plan ahead—especially for Europe and popular destinations in 2026.

AND THERE'S MORE...Introduction of VAT (Value Added Tax)

Understanding VAT When You Travel

Value-Added Tax (VAT) is a consumption tax included in most prices across Europe and many other countries. For travelers, VAT typically ranges from 10–25% and is often already included in the price of goods like souvenirs, electronics, or clothing.

Refunds for Tourists: Non-residents can often reclaim VAT on unused goods when taking them home. To do so:

1. Spend over the minimum amount at a single store (varies by country).
2. Request a VAT refund form and show your passport.
3. Present your items, receipts, and forms to customs before leaving.
4. Submit stamped forms at an airport counter or via approved refund services.

Tips to Keep in Mind:

- Refunds must usually be claimed within three months.
- Agencies take a small fee, so you'll receive slightly less than the full VAT.
- Items must remain unused and in original packaging.
- Keep all receipts and documentation for processing.

Business Travelers: Companies can often reclaim VAT on hotel stays, rentals, and fuel with proper invoices, separate from the tourist process.

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