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Passengers check in at the ticket area of the Des Moines International Airport on Friday January 11, 2013. (David Purdy/The Des Moines Register)



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additional trips.”

Flights will leave Des Moines at 7 a.m. Central time and reach New York City at 10:45 a.m. Eastern time. Return flights will leave New York City at 8:59 p.m. and land in Des Moines at 11:16 p.m.

“Certainly, any time there is a new direct flight it’s a good thing,” said Mary Phillips, general manager of international travel associates for ITA Group, a business travel agency in Des Moines. “It is a great city for that and it opens up the prospects for international travel.”

Phillips said the flight times can mean the difference between a successful route and one that struggles.

New York will be the fifth city served by Delta’s Des Moines operations, joining Atlanta, Memphis, Detroit and Minneapolis.

lowans who want to fly to New York can do so without having to deal with those pesky connection flights starting in June.

Des Moines International Airport officials announced Thursday that Delta Air Lines will fly nonstop to New York’s LaGuardia Airport, with daily flights starting June 10.

“This allows our business travelers a full day in New York and a return to Des Moines that evening,” airport director Don Smithey said. “Hopefully, this is the beginning of a successful route for (Delta) and this leads to

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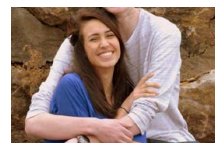


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