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NEWS RELEASE

Holiday Greetings from Silicon Valley's Airport

-- Travel Tips; Live Musical Performances; Snowflakes Everywhere --

San José, Calif. – [Mineta San José International Airport](#) (SJC) staff will greet holiday travelers with live musical performances and seasonal snowflakes in the terminals. During the busy 18-day Christmas and New Year's holidays travel period, Dec. 18, 2015 through Jan. 4, 2016, SJC expects to serve approximately 515,000 travelers and anticipates an increase of up to 7 percent in passenger traffic over the same holiday period last year.

More passengers traveling with cold-weather clothing and gear and holiday food and gifts may lead to longer lines at SJC airline check-in counters and security screening. These holiday travel tips will get passengers to their boarding gates faster.

Important Travel Tips for Holiday Travelers

- **Check in online in advance.** Even with a boarding pass in hand, travelers should check flight status on airline websites before leaving for the airport as schedules may change due to weather or other factors;
- **Review TSA travel and packing tips.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) offers this [traveler information](#), including advice on traveling with holiday gifts and food;
- **Have a parking plan.** Economy parking (Lot 1) at the everyday flat rate of \$15 per day is offered first-come, first-served. This lot is at capacity on a regular basis and will be in peak demand during the holiday season.

Before heading to SJC, travelers can call **408-441-5570** for current parking availability. Also, digital signs along Airport roadways indicate when lots are full. Learn about SJC's other parking lot options [here](#);

- **Arrive to the airport early.** Plan to arrive at SJC 90 minutes early for domestic flights and two hours before Hawaii and international departures; and
- **Be patient if delays occur.** Aviation professionals around the globe are working together to get travelers to their destinations safely and on time.

SJC's busiest travel days during the holidays are expected to be December 18, 23 and 27, and January 3 and 4. Peak travel hours on any day at SJC are typically 5:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. - noon and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Live Music; Great Gift Ideas at SJC

Christmas carolers and jazz ensembles in the terminals through Christmas Eve will put passengers in the holiday spirit as they travel to their destination.

Silicon Valley airport’s concessions offer excellent gift ideas, and the “Spot the SJC Snowflake” promotion through Dec. 25, 2015, offers a great opportunity for travelers to win a roll-up picnic/stadium blanket in shops and restaurants and be entered into a grand prize drawing for a \$500 Visa gift card. [Learn more here.](#)

SJC concessions ([see the full list here](#)) offer gifts unique to the Silicon Valley region and bottled California wines for purchase, the perfect travel solution as liquids can’t be brought through passenger screening. **The Club at SJC**, the airport lounge open to all travelers, is offering \$5 off the purchase of a day pass with a valid AAA membership. The Club is a great way for travelers to unwind before boarding. [Learn more here.](#)

About Mineta San José International Airport

About Mineta San José International Airport Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley’s airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. SJC served 9.6 million passengers in Fiscal Year 2015, a 5.4 percent increase year-over-year. SJC offers approximately 150 peak daily flights on 13 domestic and international carriers to 35 nonstop destinations.

SJC’s five-star customer service experience sets it apart from other Bay Area and US airports. Airlines and passengers respond positively to SJC’s customer amenities, including modern terminal buildings, free and fast WiFi, comfortable seating with built-in power outlets, a luxurious, award-winning lounge open to all travelers, a duty free store offering an enhanced shopping experience, a rental car center conveniently located across from the terminals and Global Entry kiosks to expedite arriving international passengers. Silicon Valley’s airport is located in San José, California’s third largest city and the nation’s tenth largest city. SJC facts can be found [here](#). For more airport information, visit www.flysanjose.com.