

TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VOTED ONE OF THE BEST AIRPORTS IN THE WORLD

For immediate release

TAMPA, Fla. (November 17, 1999) — Tampa International Airport has been recognized by Conde Nast Traveler as being one of the top-ten best airports in the world. Recent results from Conde Nast Traveler's 1999 Readers' Choice Awards voted Tampa International Airport as the world's seventh favorite airport. For the twelfth year, the magazine tabulated surveys from over 25,000 readers — making it the largest private poll of consumer attitudes in the U.S.

"This vote of confidence by consumers tells us that we still achieved a high level of customer satisfaction even during renovation of the Airport," explained W. Crosby Few, Chairman, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA).

This is not the first time that Tampa International Airport has been recognized by this publication. In 1993, Conde Nast readers voted Tampa International Airport the finest airport in the US

Louis E. Miller, Executive Director, HCAA commented, "It's certainly reflective of the Aviation Authority's commitment to the Tampa Bay community to provide world-class facilities and convenient services to enhance our passenger's travel experience. This acknowledgement is also the result of many achievements made by the Aviation Authority's Board Members and our talented and dedicated employees and their contributions to the Airport's success."

Survey categories for rating airports included: location/access; ease of connections; customs/baggage claim; food/shops/amenities; comfort and ambiance.

Airports worldwide in the top ten list, are in order: Changi Singapore, Schiphol Amsterdam, Pittsburgh International, Zurich, Orlando, Check Lap Kok Hong Kong, Tampa, Reykjavik, Vancouver and Kingsford Smith Sydney.

Unlike many other travel publications, Conde Nast Traveler does not accept free travel and accommodations, and its correspondents attempt to travel anonymously. The result is travel the way consumers experience it — good and bad, with reporting that is fair and honest.

Currently, Tampa International Airport (TPA) offers 285 daily nonstop scheduled departures to 53 domestic destinations and 44 weekly nonstop scheduled departures to eight international markets.

Year to date, January through September 1999, 11,332,950 passengers selected Tampa for their travel experience and 20 million passengers are anticipated by 2010.

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