

# Special Holiday Edition RDU UPDATE

NEWS FROM RALEIGH-DURHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HOLIDAY 2005

## RDU Prepares For The Busy Holiday Season

At Raleigh-Durham International Airport preparations are underway for another busy holiday travel period. Thanksgiving travel begins on Friday, November 18 and ends Monday, November 28. The year-end holiday peak is from Tuesday, December 20 through Monday, January 2, 2006. More than 300,000 people are expected to travel through RDU each holiday period.

The busiest travel days for Thanksgiving will be Tuesday, November 22, Wednesday, November 23, Thanksgiving morning, Sunday, November 27 and Monday, November 28.

At the year-end holidays, the peak travel days will be Thursday, December 22, Friday, December 23, Tuesday, December 27, Wednesday, December 28 and Monday, January 2, 2006.

Holiday helpers will be stationed throughout the terminals and parking areas on these days to assist travelers.



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## RDU offers these travel tips for the holidays:

- ▶ **Arrive early — 90 minutes to two hours is suggested.** RDU recommends that passengers traveling this holiday season give themselves plenty of time to park, check-in and proceed through the security checkpoint.
- ▶ **Be alert to new traffic patterns for cars and pedestrians.** Construction on Terminal C has resulted in minor changes in front of the terminals. Signage will guide pedestrians and motorists.
- ▶ **ExitExpress is the WAY to PAY for parking .** If parking in the garage between the terminals, remember to keep the parking ticket with you. Pay for parking at an *ExitExpress* pay station before returning to your car. Motorists can also pay at the exit plaza using a credit card in designated lanes.
- ▶ **Before you fly — visit [www.rdu.com](http://www.rdu.com).** Check your flight status, security checkpoint tips and information on where to park, eat and much more.
- ▶ **Save time — print out your boarding pass from your airline's Web site.** Most airlines allow passengers to print their boarding pass out before they head for the airport.
- ▶ **Use your airline's electronic kiosk at the airport — get your boarding pass and check in luggage.** The electronic kiosks are a faster way to get your boarding pass and check in luggage. All airlines at RDU offer the self-service kiosks at or near their ticket counters.
- ▶ **Be prepared for the security checkpoint.** Before proceeding through the security checkpoint, travelers should remove coats, jackets, blazers and shoes. All metal objects should be placed in carry-on luggage or in the containers provided by the TSA.
- ▶ **Keep boarding passes and photo IDs out** and visible until you have exited the security checkpoint.
- ▶ **Remove all knives, scissors and blades** of any type or size from your carry-on luggage. If taking these items with you, place them in your checked luggage.
- ▶ **Leave gifts unwrapped,** as they may need to be opened and are subject to search.

## RDU Holiday Happenings

RDU readies itself for the holidays with a flurry of activity in early November. Decorations appear throughout the terminals, musicians are booked for the holiday travel season and the RDU stores and restaurants plan fun-filled activities to celebrate the holiday season.

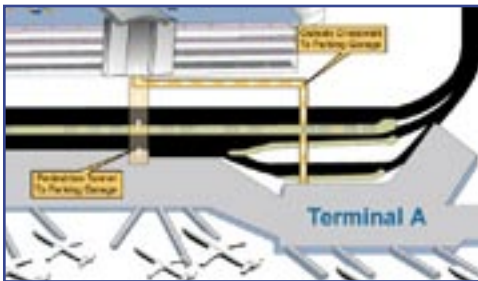
From November 20 through December 24, the airport has scheduled a variety of free entertainment in the pre-security areas of the terminals. Below is a list of some of the many performances scheduled for the 2005 holiday season. Be sure to visit [www.rdu.com](http://www.rdu.com) to learn more about these performers, additional concerts and the many activities planned by the airport's shops and restaurants.

Date	Group	Time and Place
Sunday, Nov. 20	Tony Galiani	3–5 PM, Terminal A
Monday, Nov. 21	Dave Youngman	5–7 PM, Terminal C
Tuesday, Nov. 22	Cuttin' Up Gumby	5–7 PM, Terminal A
Wednesday, Nov. 23	Bill and Libby Hicks	10 AM–noon; 3–5 PM, Terminal A
	Saludos Compay	5–7 PM, Terminal A
Sunday, Nov. 27	The Second Third	3–5 PM, Terminal A
	Holiday Tubas	2–4 PM, Parking Garage
Tuesday, Dec. 20	Isaac Akers and Friends	3–5 PM, Terminal A
Wednesday, Dec. 21	Erich Lieth and Singularity	5–7 PM, Terminal A
Thursday, Dec. 22	Crooked Creek A Capella	3–5 PM, Terminal C
	Tony Williamson	5–7 PM, Terminal A
Friday, Dec. 23	Europa Jazz	10 AM–noon, Terminal A
	Tim Smith	3–5 PM, Terminal A
	Frankie Alexander	5–7 PM, Terminal A
Saturday, Dec. 24		3–5 PM, Terminal A Pedestrian Tunnel

## Construction Updates

As you prepare for holiday trips, be aware of the construction projects that are ongoing at RDU. The airport has made all possible allowances to reduce inconveniences to holiday passengers but there is re-routing that will occur that may impact your normal travel patterns. For up-to-date construction notices, [visit www.rdu.com](http://www.rdu.com).

### Terminal A Crosswalks

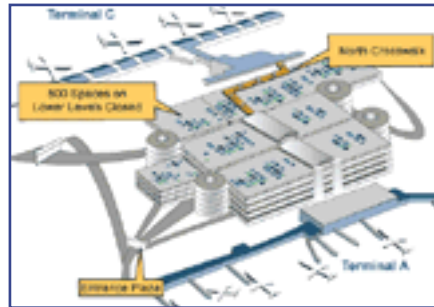


At Terminal A, the airport is eliminating most surface crosswalks for improved pedestrian safety. In the

area near the main baggage claim, surface crosswalks will connect with the commercial curb to access Park & Ride, hotel/motel and rental car shuttles as well as the TTA buses and limousine service.

All travelers who wish to access the parking garage from this area will be directed to the underground pedestrian tunnel. This will reduce pedestrian contact with vehicles and also provide an enclosed, climate-controlled environment for travelers during inclement weather.

Travelers using Southwest and AirTran airlines can use the pedestrian tunnel or the surface crosswalk at the north end of Terminal A to enter the terminal-area parking facility.



### Terminal C Crosswalk

RDU is redeveloping and expanding Terminal C. The north and south crosswalks have been removed, and will be replaced by a larger central

pedestrian bridge. Pedestrians heading to and from Terminal C will use the north crosswalk on the upper level. The new center walkway will open in December 2005.

Travelers may notice the progress on the central walkway as they exit the airport by Terminal C with the construction of concrete columns flanking the roadway.

### Terminal C Area Parking

All passengers using the terminal area parking complex will have to use the upper level of Terminal C to access the parking garage. The section involved in the project consists of the two lower levels of the garage parking closest to Terminal C. This section is closed in order to conduct the work. RDU regrets any inconvenience this may cause passengers.

As construction continues on a portion of the parking garage across from Terminal C, the left lane in front of lower level Terminal C has been closed as crews build an additional lane on Terminal Boulevard. The new lane will make space for a curb for commercial