

Expect Airport Crowds Through December

Christmas travel begins Thursday, Dec. 15 at CLT. The Airport is expecting large crowds for the remainder of December through Monday, Jan. 2. In fact, the only slow days are forecasted to be Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

On peak days, CLT will welcome approximately 71,000 daily passengers, who are those that begin their travels at CLT. For comparison, on a normal day the Airport serves around 66,000 daily passengers. There will be extra staff in Departures/Ticketing and on the curbside to assist customers.

Passengers should:

- Prepare for long lines at ticket counters and security checkpoints. Estimated TSA security wait times can be viewed on CLT's website (cltairport.com) or app (download at the [App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#)).
- Plan ahead. Arrive at least two hours before a domestic flight and three hours before an international travel.
- Sign up for TSA PreCheck® at tsa.gov/precheck.
- Visit the Airport app or parkCLT.com to book parking online for the best rates. Same-day booking is limited for all products and must be made a minimum of three hours in advance.
- Get dropped off at CLT or find alternative transportation to the terminal.

Parking will be in high demand Sunday, Dec.18 through Monday, Jan. 2 for CLT's more than 21,000 public parking spaces. Drive-up parking will be available. View the [CLT real-time parking map](#) or call 704.359.5555 for the latest parking conditions. Drivers who are picking up passengers should take advantage of CLT's free [Cell Phone Lot](#) located on Josh Birmingham Parkway.

Please note: Only credit cards are accepted for all Airport parking. Cashiers are not available at exit tolls. Cash is only accepted at CLT's Pay&Go stations located in the Hourly Deck.

Airport traffic will be heaviest on Thursday, Dec. 22, Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Jan. 2.

For passengers who have not been to the Airport lately, approximately 90,000 square feet of the Terminal Lobby Expansion's west side debuted in July. When entering the terminal's upper or lower levels on the west side, ticket counters, security checkpoints and luggage carousels are not immediately visible. Signage has been installed to point customers in the right direction.

As a reminder, please be patient and courteous. Airport employees are working hard to make your travel experience simple, safe and enjoyable.

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