



Aerolitoral/AeroMexico Connect

AeroMexico, originally known as Aeronaves de Mexico, was founded in 1934 as one of the national airlines of Mexico based in Mexico City. In the early 1950's the carrier obtained the routes of Lineas Aereas Mexicanas S.A. (LAMSA) which included a Ciudad Juarez-Chihuahua-Torreon-Mexico City route. In 1972 Aeronaves de Mexico simplified its name to AeroMexico and by the early 1990's contracted with regional carrier Aerolitoral to begin a regional feed network. Aerolitoral, based in Monterrey, Mexico, served Albuquerque on two occasions. The first service occurred from November 1, 1993 through March, 5, 1994 when the carrier operated flights from Albuquerque to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico continuing to Chihuahua, Mexico using 19-passenger Swearingen Metroliner aircraft. Initially two daily flights were scheduled but was soon reduced to one flight. This operation was conducted under a subdivision for Aerolitoral called Aerovias de Poniente. Aerolitoral made its second calling by returning to Albuquerque on February 9, 2009 as "AeroMexico Connect". This operation saw a nonstop flight to Chihuahua that continued onto Monterrey, Mexico on three days per week using a 50-seat Embraer 145 Regional Jet. At Chihuahua, a connecting flight to Mexico City on AeroMexico was available. This service was a result of negotiations between then New Mexico governor Bill Richardson and officials of the Republic of Mexico in which subsidies were involved. Despite the subsidy and significant marketing efforts, this route from Albuquerque direct to Mexico did not become profitable and was discontinued on January 6, 2010.



AeroLitoral Swearingen SA-227DC Metro 23 painted in the markings of AeroMexico at the Albuquerque Sunport in 1993.



Aerolitoral route map from October, 1993



AeroMexico Connect Embraer-145, operated by AeroLitoral, at the Albuquerque Sunport in 2009.



This AeroMexico Boeing 737-800 made an unscheduled landing at Albuquerque on July 10, 2022