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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

FRONTIER AIRLINES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Colorado  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

84-1256945  
(I.R.S. Employer Identifica

7001 Tower Road  
Denver, Colorado 80249  
(720) 374-4200  
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code,  
of registrant s principal executive offices)

Paul H. Tate  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
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(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code,  
of agent for service)

With a copy to:

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Denver, Colorado 80202  
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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after  
date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend  
reinvestment plans, check the following box.

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If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delay basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE(1)

Title of Each Class of Securities to Be Registered(1)	Amount to Be Registered(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(3)	Amount of Registration Fee
Debt securities; preferred stock, no par value; common stock, no par value (4), and securities warrants	\$150,000,000	\$150,000,000 (5) (6)	\$13,000

- (1) Any securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or as units with other securities hereunder.
- (2) Includes an indeterminate number of securities as registered hereunder having an aggregate offering price not to exceed \$150,000,000. For securities issued with an original issue discount, the amount to be registered is the amount that, when combined with other securities issued, the total proceeds do not exceed \$150,000,000.
- (3) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee, which is calculated in accordance with Rule 457(o) of the rules and regulations under the Securities Act. Rule 457(o) permits the fee to be calculated on the basis of the maximum offering price of all of the securities listed in the table. Therefore, the table does not specify by each class information as to the amount to be registered, the proposed maximum offering price per unit or the proposed maximum aggregate offering price.
- (4) Associated with the common stock are common stock purchase rights that will not be exercised until evidenced separately from the common stock prior to the occurrence of certain events.
- (5) No separate consideration will be received for securities that are issued upon conversion of common stock, preferred stock, securities or preferred stock.
- (6) In U.S. dollars or the equivalent thereof in one or more foreign currencies or composite currencies.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be determined by the registrant to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically provides that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission determines to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in the offer or sale is not permitted.

(Subject to completion, dated April 12, 2002)

PROSPECTUS

\$150,000,000

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FRONTIER AIRLINES, INC.

Debt Securities  
Preferred Stock  
Common Stock  
Securities Warrants

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We will provide the specific terms of these securities as well as prices at which they w supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable supplement ca you invest.

Our common stock is quoted and traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol FR

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Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has a disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any rep the contrary is a criminal offense.

We will sell these securities directly to our shareholders or to purchasers or through a behalf or through underwriters or dealers as designated from time to time. If any agents or unde involved in the sale of any of these securities, the applicable prospectus supplement will provid the agents or underwriters and any applicable fees, commissions or discounts.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this p have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provid different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that appearing in this prospectus is accurate as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus onl business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have subsequently changed.

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This prospectus is dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2002

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process,

- o debt securities,
- o preferred stock,
- o common stock, and
- o securities warrants,

either separately or in units, in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$150,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of those securities. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. This prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement together with the additional information provided under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

The registration statement that contains this prospectus (including the exhibits to the registration statement) contains additional information about our company and the securities offered under this offering. That registration statement can be read at the SEC web site or at the SEC offices mentioned under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

Whenever we refer to we, our or us in this prospectus, we mean Frontier Airlines, Inc. Whenever we refer to you or yours, we mean the holders or prospective purchasers of the applicable series of securities.

### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. You may read and copy our reports, proxy statements and other information at the public reference facilities of the SEC in Washington, D.C., New York, New York and Chicago, Illinois. You may also call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information about the public reference rooms. Our reports, proxy statements and other information filed with the SEC are available to the public over the Internet at the World Wide Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with the SEC, including our reports, proxy statements and other information, that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Some information contained in our reports, proxy statements and other information updates the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and information that we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus.

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with the SEC will automatically update information in this prospectus as well as our other filings. In other words, in the case of a conflict or inconsistency between information set forth in this prospectus and information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the document that was filed later. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any other documents filed with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of filing of the registration statement that contains this prospectus and prior to the time that we offer securities offered under this prospectus:

- o Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2001;
- o Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2001, September 30, 2001, and December 31, 2001;
- o Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 22, 2001, as amended by a Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 11, 2001;
- o Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 7, 2001;
- o The description of our common stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A effective by the SEC on May 19, 1994, except that the number of authorized shares of common stock has been increased to 100,000,000; and
- o The description of our common stock purchase rights contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed on March 12, 1997, as amended by an amendment dated June 30, 1997 filed as Exhibit 4.4(d) to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 1997, an amendment dated December 14, 1999 filed on Form 8-A/A on October 14, 1999 and an amendment dated as of May 30, 2001 filed on Form 8-A/A on May 30, 2001.

You may request a copy of these filings (other than an exhibit to a filing unless that exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference into that filing) at no cost, by writing to or telephoning the following address:

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