

CAL to end Puerto Rico, Tortola flights

CARIBBEAN AIRLINES (CAL) has announced that it will stop services on the Tortola, BVI, and San Juan, Puerto Rico route starting January 10.

The airline said it also intends to restructure its Barbados hub, beginning February 2026.

These moves follow Caribbean Airlines' earlier decision to stop services between Kingston and Montego Bay, Jamaica, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, effective November 2.

'Caribbean Airlines advises that as part of its ongoing Network Optimisation Programme, the airline will adjust elements of its regional operations to enhance schedule reliability, maintain competitiveness and ensure long-term sustainability,' a release stated yesterday.

Caribbean Airlines said the discontinuation of the services on its Tortola, BVI and San Juan, Puerto Rico routes followed comprehensive evaluations of route performance and resource deployment.

'Customers with confirmed bookings to or from Tortola and Puerto Rico after January 10, 2026, are being contacted directly and will receive full refunds where applicable,' it stated.

'Our customers are assured that:

- Aircraft and crew positioned in Barbados will transition to operate from Trinidad, to, from and beyond Barbados.
- They will continue to experience seamless connectivity across the northern and eastern Caribbean, with a refined flight schedule.
- Caribbean Airlines remains committed to working with stakeholders to maintain connectivity throughout its network', the release stated.

Acting chief executive officer Nirmala Ramai commented: 'These changes form a critical part of our plan to deliver reliable service while managing our resources responsibly.

'Our customers remain our priority and these adjustments ensure we continue to provide strong regional connectivity, supported by a sustainable and competitive operational model.'

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar had earlier this year given an ultimatum to Caribbean Airlines management to 'sort out the mess' with their finances within two years.