

## CAL, Air Caraïbes partner to make travel to Paris easier

A NEW partnership between Caribbean Airlines (CAL) and Air Caraïbes has now made it easier than ever for travellers from Trinidad and Tobago to reach Paris.

Caribbean Airlines and Air Caraïbes have signed a new codeshare agreement.

'This agreement expands travel options for Caribbean customers and visitors, as under this partnership, travellers from any destination within the Caribbean Airlines network may connect onto Air Caraïbes, via the French Caribbean territories of Martinique or Guadeloupe, for onward travel to Paris-Orly Airport, France,' Caribbean Airlines stated.

'Passengers will enjoy the convenience of travelling on a single itinerary with through check-in and baggage handling, using flights operated by both Caribbean Airlines and Air Caraïbes.

Caribbean Airlines' chief commercial officer Martin Aeberli said: 'This codeshare agreement with Air Caraïbes represents a strategic step in expanding our network, opening new connections to Europe via Paris-Orly, France. This partnership aligns perfectly with our 'Welcome Home' philosophy by enabling easier, more connected journeys for our customers. We thank the team at Air Caraïbes for sharing in this vision and working with us to offer greater travel convenience between the Caribbean and Europe.'

Chief commercial officer of Air Caraïbes Hugues Heddebaut said: 'We are delighted to enter into this strategic partnership with Caribbean Airlines, giving its customers seamless access to Paris-Orly via our bases in Martinique and Guadeloupe, while opening new opportunities for Air Caraïbes to serve new islands in the Caribbean. This cooperation reflects our shared commitment to strengthening regional and international connectivity and to offering our passengers greater flexibility and comfort, delivered with the warmth and hospitality that define Air Caraïbes' Caribbean DNA.'

Caribbean Airlines stated that this partnership would boost leisure and business travel, as well as strengthen ties between French territories and the English-speaking Caribbean.

'It is a strategic development in Caribbean Airlines' growth plan, aimed at creating a more connected Caribbean,' it stated.

Caribbean Airlines said it continues to welcome its customers home-wherever their journey begins.

'Flights are open for sale via the Caribbean Airlines mobile app, reservations call centre, city ticket offices and travel agents. Website bookings will be launched soon,' it stated.

Air Caraïbes is a French airline specialising in routes between Paris-Orly and the French Caribbean (Guadeloupe, Martinique, and French Guiana).

Founded in 2000, the airline currently employs 1,169 people and offers a schedule of regular flights.

Its fleet includes ten Airbus aircraft (one A330-200, two A330-300s, three A350-900s, and four A350-1000s) as well as four ATR72-600s, operating transatlantic and regional services respectively.

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