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Norwegian Launches Flights from the US to the Caribbean

Norwegian, voted the world's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul Airline and Europe's Best Low-Cost Airline for the past three consecutive years by <u>SkyTrax</u>, will launch flights from Boston, Baltimore/Washington, D.C. and New York City to two Caribbean destinations: the Guadeloupe Islands and Martinique. Only two years after launching its long-haul operation, Norwegian will now be the largest foreign airline at New York's JFK airport in terms of number of routes. The airline currently offers 31 direct routes from the US. December 3, 2015, with three flights per week from JFK to the Guadeloupe Islands' Pointe-à-Pitre Internationa LAirport (PTP) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from JFK to Martinique Aimé Césaire International Airport (FDF) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

"We launched our first long-haul flights to the US two years ago and the response from American travellers has been fantastic. It's great to see that our low fares, friendly service and new, more environmentally friendly aircraft are appreciated. It is therefore a pleasure to be able to launch new, exotic routes between the US mainland and the Caribbean islands Guadeloupe and Martinique, says Norwegian's CEO Bjørn Kjos.

"We will continue to expand in the US, by launching new routes and establishing more US bases," continues Kjos.

The new routes will also give Norwegian's passengers from Europe a golden opportunity to combine a city break in New York with an exotic Caribbean vacation. Norwegian already offers direct flights from London and the Scandinavian capitals to the Caribbean islands of Puerto Rico and St Croix, in addition to many other destinations in the US. Read more <u>here</u>.

Route information

From Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) and Boston Logan International Airport (BOS), Norwegian will operate twice weekly service to both Guadeloupe and Martinique. Flights between Baltimore-Washington and Guadeloupe will operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and Martinique on Mondays and Fridays. From Boston flights to Guadeloupe will operate on Thursdays and Sundays, and to Martinique on Wednesdays and Sundays.

With the new service, Norwegian will offer US-based customers some of the lowest fares to the Caribbean, with an introductory fare starting at \$79 one way, valid from all three U.S. airports and starting at \$99 one way from Guadeloupe and Martinique in the French Caribbean, also known as the French West Indies.

Norwegian operates one of the world's most modern and eco-friendly fleets. On the US-Caribbean routes, the airline will fly its new Boeing 737-800s with 186 comfortable, leather seats and it will be the first airline to offer free Wi-Fi on flights to the Caribbean. Norwegian will also offer customers the option to rent movies and TV shows on their personal devices.

The airline currently offers 25 direct routes between Europe and the US, providing more European routes than any other European airline.

Guadeloupe and Martinique are both overseas departments of France to which the United States-European Union-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agreement applies. The agreement authorizes unlimited frequencies between any point or points in the EU and any point or points in U.S. territory for any and all U.S., EU, Icelandic, and Norwegian airlines.

For more inspiration and travel tips for <u>Guadeloupe Islands</u> and <u>Martinique</u>, please visit Norwegian's <u>French Caribbean site</u>.

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Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA, commercially branded "Norwegian", is a low-cost airline listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Norwegian is the world's seventh largest low-cost airline. The company reported its highest ever passenger figures in a single year with almost 24 million passengers in 2014. Norwegian has a route portfolio that stretches across Europe into North Africa and the Middle East, as well as long-haul flights to the US and Southeast Asia. The company has over 400 routes to more than 130 destinations and employs approximately 5,500 people. The company has several hundred undelivered aircraft on firm order. Norwegian was founded in 1993 and its headquarter is in Fornebu, Norway. Norwegian offers better leg room than most competitors, in-flight WiFi on short haul, a fleet of around 100 aircraft with an average age of only four years; one of the youngest fleets in the world. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, Norwegian was voted Europe's best low-cost carrier of the year by the renowned SkyTrax World Airline Awards. Norwegian was also the first airline to be awarded the World's best low-cost long-haul airline in 2015 by SkyTrax. In 2014, Norwegian also won three prizes at the prestigious Passenger Choice Awards for Best Airline in Europe, Best Inflight Connectivity & Communications and Best Single Achievement in Passenger Experience for its moving map on the 787 Dreamliners. In addition, Norwegian was awarded Europe's best low-cost airline by AirlineRatings.com for the second year

running.

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