



GOL Announces Aruba as Its Newest Exclusive International Destination

The Company will have regular flights from Brazil to the Caribbean Island starting in December, reinforcing the expansion of its international capacity

São Paulo, June 3th, 2024 - GOL Linhas Aéreas, Brazil's largest airline, will have a new international destination in the Caribbean starting in December this year. Aruba (AUA) will be served by GOL with its own nonstop operations from São Paulo/Guarulhos (GRU). The novelty fulfills GOL's purpose of increasingly integrating the countries of the region, promoting tourism in the Americas and business travel.

A jewel of Caribbean tourism and currently a destination with no connection to Brazil, Aruba will be contemplated with direct flights to São Paulo from December 18, departing from Guarulhos airport at 3:30 pm and arriving in the Caribbean at 9:00 pm (local time) - two hours less than Brasília time. The return is scheduled to take off from Reina Beatrix airport, in Aruba, at 10:30 p.m., landing in Greater São Paulo at 5:50 a.m. There will be up to three weekly frequencies in the high summer season, with departures on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Aruba is one of the most beloved Caribbean islands by the Brazilian public, with year-round heat, little rain and out of hurricane paths. In addition to the famous beaches of white sand and transparent waters, the island also offers itineraries for the more adventurous, such as safari in 4x4 jeeps and kitesurfing in the crystal clear sea. The casinos are also an attraction in itself, and together with the wide options of shopping itineraries, they transform the destination into one of the most complete for trips with families, groups of friends or couples in search of a romantic getaway.

"GOL currently serves 12 international destinations throughout the Americas and is increasing its presence outside the country. Aruba's addition to our network in December 2024 reinforces the Company's focus on continued international expansion. Aruba will be an exclusive destination, operated with nonstop flights from Brazil solely by GOL. The goal is to bring our peoples closer together and contribute to the development of tourism and business travel throughout the region," said Mateus Pongeluppi, GOL's Vice President of Strategy.

The new route also creates opportunities for Aruba's more than 100,000 inhabitants to travel more easily between the island and Brazil, boosting

business, tourism and logistics for Arubans not only to São Paulo, but to GOL's entire network of domestic flights.

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"On behalf of the Ministry of Tourism, it is a great pleasure to give GOL a warm and sincere welcome at the start of its inaugural flights to our beautiful island of Aruba. We are thrilled to have GOL join our vibrant community, offering new opportunities for travel and cultural exchange between Brazil and Aruba. With up to three flights per week, we are confident that this partnership will strengthen our tourism industry, bringing more visitors to experience the warmth, beauty and hospitality that Aruba is known for. Welcome, GOL, to your new home in the Caribbean!" said Aruban Minister of Tourism and Public Health Danguillaume Oduber.

"Aruba debuted in the Brazilian market in 1985, and since then it has maintained a constant presence, overcoming several challenges in the last 39 years leading up to 2024. In 2014, we reached a significant milestone, as it marked a record year for Brazilian travelers visiting Aruba: 24,733 tourists embarking on a trip to Aruba. During this period, GOL offered flights to Aruba with connections through Caracas, which emerged as the preferred option for Brazilians who ventured to our island. We are pleased to announce the introduction of direct flights with GOL, scheduled to operate up to three times a week, with ticket sales starting June 3, 2024 and flights starting December 18, 2024. With this exciting new service, the Aruba Tourism Authority anticipates an approximately 50% increase in Brazilian visitors by 2025, compared to the projected performance for 2023," said Ronella Croes, CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority.

"This new route represents the culmination of years of dedicated strategy and collaboration with GOL, one of Brazil's top three airlines, the government of Aruba, GRU Airport and industry stakeholders. Our partnership with GOL is based on the shared vision of restoring the connection between São Paulo and Aruba by offering direct flights up to three times a week during peak season and further expanding GOL's international network. In addition, this new direct service between Aruba and Sao Paulo will offer connections to Buenos Aires, Argentina, with Aerolíneas Argentinas being one of our main feeder markets. This new service underscores Aruba's goal of providing local and international travelers with diverse travel options and convenient access, reflecting our commitment to enhancing our airport's role as a key hub in the region and ensuring sustained growth," said Jo-Anne Meaux-Arends, Aviation Business Development Executive, Aruba Airport.

"The direct connection to Aruba is in line with GRU's strategy to increase the number of destinations with direct flights, whether for business or pleasure. Aruba is a very popular destination for São Paulo residents and Brazilians who use GOL's GRU network to connect with the region. This destination further diversifies the international offers that depart from Guarulhos Airport, consolidated as the main hub in Latin or South America", says João Pita, Commercial and Cargo Director at GRU Airport.

All flights to Aruba will be operated on Boeing 737 MAX 8 models, the most sustainable aircraft in GOL's fleet, which in international configuration has a capacity for 176 passengers.

Brazilian travelers do not need a visa to stay up to 90 days in Aruba. But it is necessary to present the international certificate of yellow fever, with a vaccine administered at least 10 days before the date of boarding.

GOL Premium Economy and benefits

All GOL international flights have the option to purchase GOL Premium Economy class, a space in which the Customer has even more legroom, greater seat recline, a locked middle seat, a larger accumulation of miles, two pieces of checked baggage free of charge, as well as more elaborate in-flight service, with hot meals and alcoholic beverages.

At São Paulo/Guarulhos airport, Smiles Diamond and Gold customers, or those traveling in GOL Premium class, will have access to the GOL Smiles International Lounge, located in the departures area of Terminal 2.

Customers may also use GOL's Smiles and Avianca's LifeMiles programs to earn miles on their trips to Aruba with GOL or redeem miles to issue new tickets to the Company's latest destination in the Caribbean.

Tickets between Guarulhos (GRU) and Aruba (AUA) are now available on GOL's website and app, at GOL stores at airports, through the Smiles website and app, by calling the Customer Service Center (0300 115 2121) and at travel agencies.

Check out the flight frequencies* and schedules below:

São Paulo/Guarulhos (GRU) - Aruba (AUA): from 18/12/2024

Departure		Arrive		Frequency
São Paulo/ Guarulhos (GRU)	3:30pm	Aruba (AUA)	9:00pm	Segunda, quarta e sábado
Aruba (AUA)	10:30pm	São Paulo/ Guarulhos (GRU)	5:50pm	Segunda, quarta e sábado

***High**

Between December 18/24 and March 9/25, and between June 30/25 and August 10/25 there will be 3 weekly flights (Monday, Wednesday and Saturday).

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***Low**

Between March 10/25 and April 27/25, and from August 11/25 there will be 2 weekly flights (Wednesday and Saturday). Between April 28/25 and June 29/25 there will be 1 weekly flight (Saturday).

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GOL Boeing 737 MAX 8 (Foto: Disclosure GOL)

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