



*Preliminary results show that:*

**For the 2nd year in a row AUA Airport projects 1 million seats out of North America**

*Nearly 12% more passengers expected compared to 2018*

ORANJESTAD – As the end of the year quickly approaches, Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) is proud to share the news that 2019 has been showing great results thus far. The North American market is expected to surpass for the second time in Aruba Airport's history the one million seat capacity mark with a busy winter season ahead.

As for the winter season (October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020) AAA has some exciting news to share with amongst others the announcement of 4 new scheduled and seasonal routes, being La Guardia, Chicago Medellin and Barranquilla!

- JetBlue further expands service to New York from 11 to 16 weekly flights as of June 2019 to October 2020. Planned increase as follows:  
Double daily flights on Fridays and Sundays only to everyday, including a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> flight on Saturdays.
- United Airlines further expands seasonal service to Chicago from 2 weekly to 5 weekly flights.
- American Airlines further expands the 1 weekly seasonal service to yearround. This now makes for six destinations to the “One Happy Island” Aruba with American Airlines. In addition, due to growing demand during the peak Christmas travel season, American Airlines will operate a larger aircraft A321 / A330 out of Philadelphia and Charlotte
- Delta Air Lines will operate one additional weekly Boston service in December and January 2020.
- Avianca Airlines in order to offer travelers from Aruba more and better connectivity options, and taking advantage of Avianca's global route network, the airline maintains 11 weekly frequencies despite the internal challenges experienced between the island and its connections center in Bogota, Colombia.
- Wingo Airlines keeps growing. By adding 2 new weekly service during peak months November, December and January 2020.
- Aruba Airlines will begin twice weekly nonstop service from Aruba to Barranquilla and Medellin December 2019.
- KLM grows capacity by flying more frequently the larger aircraft A330-300 to the destination as result an additional 45 seats on each rotation. Together with Delta Air

Lines, partner in its transatlantic joint venture, KLM is strengthening its market position between North America and Europe.

With the addition of these flights, Aruba Airport will be served by 27 airlines, providing service to 32 international airports in 12 countries, and 28 destinations.

“AAA’s key focus will be to maintain current air service levels and capacity impact whilst supporting the destination’s efforts to generate demand. We are well aware of the extreme volatility of the airline industry and our commitment towards our partners is stronger than ever. The year ahead will have additional challenges and will require us to be flexible with our objectives and implementation strategies. Partnership will be extremely important during 2020 as competition is fierce and global,” said AAA’s Air Service Development Manager Mrs. Jo-Anne Meaux-Arends.

At Aruba Airport we are proud to continue offering originating travelers/visitors the world’s best network of international routes to/from Aruba. Aruba Airport looks forward to welcoming all the visitors to the island in the winter season.