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Insider's Guide to Finding Flights to Bonaire from North America

The choices for U.S. and Canadian travelers flying to Bonaire continue to change. Many of these airline alternatives require knowledge of schedules, days of operation, gateway cities and routing to successfully navigate and find the most viable choice for your travel plans. There is no one 'right' or 'best' way to get here – but this paper will help you find the routing (and fare) that best meets your needs.

Supply and demand along with the realities of the new airline marketplace continue to show that buying airfare direct from the carriers themselves will afford you the best fares in most cases.

This White Paper will outline the variety of alternatives and offer some suggestions on researching and purchasing tickets to Bonaire. This information changes often as the airlines adjust and modify schedules. We welcome you to contact us with any questions.

Nonstop Options from the U.S. to Bonaire (BON)

1. United Airlines – Nonstop jet service from Houston and Newark to Bonaire

A. United nonstop from Houston to Bonaire (IAH to BON)

- Every **Saturday** -- afternoon departure from Houston (arrives Bonaire early evening) with a **Sunday morning return** flight from Bonaire to Houston. Operates year round.

B. United nonstop from Newark to Bonaire (EWR to BON)

- **Saturday** morning departure from Newark (arriving Bonaire early afternoon) with return to Newark Saturday afternoon (evening arrival). Operates year round except during seasonal service interruption from Aug 19-Oct 28, 2017.

What We Like

* Nonstop flight

* **Extensive network of United flights from other U.S. cities that connect to Houston and Newark flights to Bonaire.**

Best Source for checking schedules as well as purchase of lowest available fares is www.united.com ... their trip planner is easy to use for research and to make reservations and ticket purchases.

2. Delta Air lines – Nonstop jet service from Atlanta to Bonaire

A. Delta non-stop on Saturdays and Sundays from Atlanta

- **Saturday** morning departure from Atlanta with mid-afternoon arrival in Bonaire. Return leaves Bonaire that afternoon with mid-evening arrival into Atlanta. Operates year round.
- **Sunday flight** operates from Atlanta to Bonaire with same flight times as Saturday flight (with return on Sunday later that day). Operates year round.

B. Seasonal Holiday Delta non-stop on Tuesdays from Atlanta

- **Tuesday flight** operates Dec 26, 2017 and Jan 2, 2018. Flight will operate from Atlanta to Bonaire (with return on Tuesday later that day).

What We Like

*Nonstop flight

***Extensive network and convenient connections to Atlanta on Delta system**

Best Source for checking schedules and fares is www.delta.com... their trip planner is easy to use for research, reservations and purchase.

Nonstop Options from the U.S. to Curacao (CUR) with onward connections available to Bonaire

1. American Airlines – Nonstop jet service to Curacao from Miami

American offers **2** nonstop flights every day to Curacao from Miami and return. Flight options between Curacao and Bonaire presently include several airlines (including Divi Divi Air and Insel Airlines) that fly the 20-minute jump between the two islands. Schedules are available throughout the day to connect to American's flights in Curacao.

2. American Airlines – Nonstop jet service to Curacao from Charlotte

American offers a **Saturday** flight to Curacao from Charlotte, NC with return that day. Flight options between Curacao and Bonaire presently include several airlines (including Divi Divi Air and Insel Airlines) that fly the 20-minute jump between the two islands. Schedules are available throughout the day to connect to American's flights in Curacao.

Best Source for checking schedules and fares to Curacao on American as well as ability to purchase tickets is <http://www.aa.com>... their trip planner is easy to use for research and to make reservations and ticket purchases.

What We Like

- * Convenient connections from many U.S. cities on American
- * Easy non-stop option from U.S. gateway
- * New Curacao airport terminal efficiently connects passengers in transit
- * Short inter-island flights are quick and plentiful

What You Need to Know

- * Customers must pass through immigration, claim baggage and check-in with connecting carrier ... we suggest 1.5-hour minimum connection time in Curacao
- * Requires separate ticket purchase for flight from Curacao to Bonaire
- * Some Inter-island flights operated with smaller prop/turbo-prop equipment resulting in some baggage limitations

3. Jet Blue – Nonstop jet service JFK to Curacao

Jet Blue offers jet service from JFK to Curacao on Tuesdays and Saturdays (both directions) - Flight options between Curacao and Bonaire presently include several airlines (including Divi Divi Air and Insel Airlines) that fly the 20-minute jump between the two islands.

Best Source for checking schedules and fares to Curacao on Jet Blue as well as ability to purchase tickets is <http://www.jetblue.com/> ... their trip planner is easy to use for research and to make reservations and ticket purchases.

What We Like

- * Easy non-stop option from U.S. gateway
- * Available 2 days each week with lower cost fares easier to find
- * New Curacao airport terminal efficiently connects passengers in transit
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What You Need to Know

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4. Insel Air – Nonstop jet service Miami to Curacao

Insel Air jet service from Miami to Curacao is currently not operating. The airline plans to resume this service later this year.

Interisland Service from Curacao and Aruba to Bonaire

1. Divi Divi Air – Inter-island Air Taxi from Curacao

Divi Divi offers daily flights between Curacao and Bonaire. They offer schedules throughout the day that provide convenient connections to flights that service Curacao. For customers looking to use Curacao as a jumping off point to Bonaire, Divi Divi provides reliable service as well as private charters. Flight has maximum of 9 passengers.

What We Like

- * Reliable, friendly and flexible
- * Inexpensive inter-island option
- * Fast and efficient process

What You Need to Know

- * Small aircraft results in passenger and baggage limitations
- * Reservations made via their website
- * Requires customer check-in and baggage transfer from/to other carrier

Best Source is to contact them their website (or email). Their website at www.flydivi.com has allows reservations and plans to provide more info and services in the future.

2. Insel Air – Inter-island Flights from Aruba and Curacao to Bonaire

- Insel offer daily flights between Curacao and Bonaire with schedules throughout the day, as well as flights during evening hours.
- Insel also offers Aruba to Bonaire service connecting through Curacao

What We Like

- * Offers service from Aruba and Curacao to Bonaire with multiple daily flights
- * Offer flights at night/early morning
- * Larger capacity for passengers and baggage with their aircraft

What You Need to Know

- * Requires clearing immigration in Aruba or Curacao, customer check-in and baggage transfers from originating carrier to Insel.
- * Schedules may make for less than ideal connection times

Best Source for checking schedules and fares is www.fly-inselair.com and their travel planner allows search and ticket purchase.

Canadian Service to Curacao and Aruba with connections to Bonaire

See our blog for current details at <http://www.bonairepros.com/blog/flights-to-bonaire/flights-to-bonaire-from-canada/>

Although **non-stop flights from USA to Aruba** were not listed in the options list, it is an alternative gateway to Bonaire with many major carriers offering competitive fares and schedules throughout the week including Delta from **Atlanta**, Southwest from **Houston** and **Orlando**, American from **Charlotte, Philadelphia** and **Miami** and Jet Blue from **JFK** and **Boston**. As an interisland connecting point, it can be effective.

We see an increasing use of Aruba and Curacao as an alternative with low fares and/or more arrival and departure schedules in comparison to Bonaire flight options. That being said, the United and Delta nonstop options from the U.S. to Bonaire continue to be the preferred routing of most travelers (even at higher fares).

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