



Insider's Guide to
**FINDING FLIGHTS to
BONAIRE**
from North America
2020



COVID19-Update

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Dear Bonaire traveler,

The Coronavirus pandemic has altered the travel landscape -- and Bonaire's flight schedules from the USA, Canada, Europe and neighboring islands are no exception. As the ban for travel to the island continues, the flight schedules typically operated and outlined in this guide may be altered. It is a fluid environment that we are monitoring and updating regularly on our blog – you can bookmark and [check the latest news here](#).

Some of the frequency of schedules (like American Airlines service from Miami) are currently being reduced to Saturdays only with plans to increase to their pre-coronavirus rotation later in the year. Once borders are reopened to air travel and visiting guests, flight schedules should stabilize.

You can contact us at mytrip@bonairepros.com or calling us at 817-416-2580/800-748-8733 with any questions regarding flights. Thanks for downloading the guide and know we are here to assist you with your Bonaire plans.

Stay well!

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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.

This Guide 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.

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Nonstop Options from the U.S. to Bonaire



United Airlines

Nonstop jet service from Houston and Newark to Bonaire

Nonstop from Houston to Bonaire (IAH to BON)

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

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 24, 2019 until it resumes starting Nov 2, 2019. This pattern repeats in 2020 with seasonal interruption starting Aug 22, 2020.**

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.





Delta Airlines

Nonstop jet service from Atlanta to Bonaire

Nonstop from Atlanta to Bonaire (ATL to BON)

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 later that day). Operates **Dec 22, 2019 through Apr 5, 2020.**

Friday flight operates from Atlanta to Bonaire with same flight times as Saturday flight (with return later that day). Operates **Dec 27, 2019 through Apr 3, 2020.**

Seasonal Holiday Delta nonstop on **Mondays (Dec 23 and 30, 2019)** will operate from Atlanta to Bonaire (with return 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.



American Airlines

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American Airlines

Nonstop jet service from Miami to Bonaire

Nonstop from Miami to Bonaire (MIA to BON)

American Airlines offers non-stop service from Miami to Bonaire **every Saturday, Monday and Friday** with return later that day. A **Wednesday** flight also currently operates until Dec 11, 2019 (no schedules in place to resume Wednesday service).

- **American flight 1379** – depart Miami at 12:05PM – arrive Bonaire at 3:13PM
- **American flight 1379** – depart Bonaire at 4:05PM – arrive Miami at 7:15PM

What We Like

- Nonstop flight
- Connections and fares are available from cities throughout the American Airlines flight system

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



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

American Airlines

American Airlines

Nonstop jet service from Miami and Charlotte to Curacao

Nonstop from Miami to Curacao (MIA to CUR)

American offers 2 nonstop flights every day to Curacao from Miami and return.

Nonstop from Charlotte to Curacao (CLT to CUR)

American offers a Saturday flight to Curacao from Charlotte, NC with return that day.

Inter-island flight options between Curacao and Bonaire presently include Divi Divi Air, EZ Air and Winair that fly the 20-minute jump between the two islands. Schedules are available throughout the day to connect to American's flights in Curacao.

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

- Travelers 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

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

jetBlue

Jet Blue

Nonstop jet service from New York to Curacao

Nonstop from New York to Curacao (JFK to CUR)

Jet Blue offers jet service from JFK to Curacao on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays (both directions).

Inter-island flight options between Curacao and Bonaire presently include Divi Divi Air, EZ Air and Winair that fly the 20-minute jump between the two islands. Schedules are available throughout the day to connect to Jet Blue's flights in Curacao

What We Like

- Easy non-stop option from U.S. gateway
- Available 3 days each week with lower cost fares easier to find
- New Curacao airport terminal efficiently connects passengers in transit
- Short inter-island flights are quick and plentiful

What You Need to Know

- Travelers must pass through immigration, claim baggage and check-in with connecting carrier ... we suggest 1.5-2.0 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

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



Interisland Service from Curacao and Aruba to Bonaire



Divi Divi Air

Inter-island Air Taxi from Curacao

Divi Divi offers daily flights between Curacao as well as Aruba and the island of Bonaire. They offer schedules throughout the day that provide convenient connections to flights that service Curacao and Aruba. For customers looking to use Curacao or Aruba as a jumping off point to Bonaire, Divi Divi provides reliable service as well as private charters. Flights are operated with 9 passenger Britten-Norman Islander aircraft and 19 passenger De Havilland Twin Otters.

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 carriers in Curacao and Aruba airports

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





EZ Air

Inter-island Flights from Aruba and Curacao to Bonaire

EZ Air offers daily flights between Curacao and Bonaire, as well as between Aruba and Bonaire (with a stop in Curacao except on Sundays). EZ Air operates Beech 1900 prop planes carrying 19 passengers.

Tickets can now be booked direct at www.flyezair.net.

What We Like

- New service with multiple scheduled flights each day
- Reasonable cost inter-island option

What You Need to Know

- Reservations made via their website
- Requires customer check-in and baggage transfer from/to different airline in Curacao and Aruba airports
- Smaller aircraft with passenger and baggage limitations

Best Source is to contact them their website (or email). Their website at www.flyezair.net allows reservations and charter requests.



Winair

Inter-island Air Taxi from Aruba & Curacao

Winair offers daily flights between Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire. Flying from and to Aruba requires a connection in Curacao. They operate ATR 42 twin-turboprop aircraft.



What We Like

- Reliable service
- Reasonable cost inter-island option
- Clear U.S. Customs in Aruba on way back to USA

What You Need to Know

- Reservations made via their website
- Requires customer check-in and baggage transfer from/to different airline in Curacao and Aruba airports
- Flight schedules limited to 1 per day in and out of Bonaire. May not time well with other carrier schedules.

Best Source is to contact them via their website at www.fly-winair.sx for travel research and ticket purchase.



Flights from Canada to Bonaire

Non-stop flight from Toronto every Sunday on Sunwing from Dec 15, 2019 to Apr 12, 2020 – learn more here:

<https://www.bonairepros.com/blog/new-non-stop-flight-bonaire-canada/>

Other options using American, Delta and United are possible via their U.S. gateways.

Aruba to Bonaire

Although non-stop flights from USA to Aruba are not detailed in this paper, 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, although more expensive than puddle-jumping from Curacao. Most flights between Aruba and Bonaire currently require a change of planes or stop in Curacao.

Although Curacao and Aruba are suitable gateways, the United, Delta and American nonstop options from the U.S. to Bonaire continue to be the preferred and most reliable routing for most travelers (even at higher fares).





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