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Winter 2017/18: airberlin introduces more flights to the USA this winter

Germany's second-largest airline is set to offer more intercontinental flights than ever before during the upcoming winter season. "We are continuing to expand our Dusseldorf services and plan to station twelve rather than eleven long-haul aircraft at this airport from the start of the winter schedule. These will be used to provide additional flights to the USA. At Berlin-Tegel we are adapting our capacities in line with the fragile infrastructure there and are reducing our long-haul fleet on site by one aircraft to five," says airberlin CEO Thomas Winkelmann.

More flights to the USA

airberlin will continue to reposition itself as a network carrier in the 2017/18 winter schedule and has expanded its range of US flights compared to the previous year. As a result, airberlin is once again expanding its market leadership as the largest provider of long-haul flights at these locations, with 63 percent more flights in Dusseldorf and 13 percent more in Berlin compared to the previous year.

San Francisco is being included in airberlin's winter schedule this year for the first time. The service from Dusseldorf to Orlando that commenced in May will now be offered year round, making it an integral part of airberlin's winter schedule for the first time. This coming winter, airberlin will operate a total of 39 flights from Dusseldorf to North America. Other US destinations served from Dusseldorf are Boston, Fort Myers, Los Angeles, Miami and New York (JFK).

airberlin will also provide additional flight frequency and fly five times a week from Berlin-Tegel to Miami. airberlin will offer six flights to Chicago each week, which is one more than last winter. airberlin will therefore be offering 18 flights to the USA from Tegel in the coming winter.

Attractive flight offer to the Caribbean

airberlin will also be flying from Dusseldorf to Curacao next winter. The red and white jets will take off from Dusseldorf on Tuesdays and Thursdays and head to the Netherlands Antilles. "airberlin is the only German airline to fly to Curacao, a Caribbean island that is popular with our guests. Dusseldorf is in an ideal location with its large catchment area, which includes the Netherlands. For this reason, we will continue to offer this connection during the upcoming winter season", explains Winkelmann.

airberlin will also be flying from Dusseldorf to Cancun in Mexico three times a week. Cuba is currently a popular destination among travellers around the world. airberlin flies to Havana and Varadero twice a week from Dusseldorf and offers holidaymakers the best travel options for a round trip. There is also a weekly flight from Berlin to Varadero. Five times a week in total, airberlin conveniently transports holidaymakers to the Dominican Republic. Four flights a week depart for Punta Cana and airberlin flies to Puerto Plata every Saturday.

Comfort on board

Airbus A330-200 jets are used for all airberlin long-haul flights. Each aircraft has a business class section with 19 FullFlat Seats. Guests enjoy exclusive service and selected premium-quality food and beverages. airberlin also places great emphasis on comfort in economy class: each of the 46 XL seats allow airberlin guests to enjoy 20% more legroom - the most generous space between each seat of all transatlantic flights in the industry.

Passengers who have booked a long-haul flight in economy class with airberlin can use the argusto restaurant service as a tasty alternative to regular catering up to twelve hours before

departure: Depending on the departure airport, guests can choose from a variety of menus from various trendy Berlin or Dusseldorf restaurants. Orders must be placed up to 12 hours before departure using the booking number on iFleet.com or via the free iFleet app. For more information about the restaurant service, please contact airberlin.com/airgusto.

All of these additional connections to the US and flights to Curacao for winter 2017/18 are available to book immediately at www.airberlin.com. Tickets can also be booked by phone on 0180 6 - 334 334 (landline in Germany: € 0.20 per call / German mobile network: max. € 0.60 per call) or at a travel agency.

About airberlin

As one of Europe's largest network airlines, airberlin focuses on extremely frequent domestic flights and on services between a number of major European cities and its Berlin-Tegel and Dusseldorf hubs, from where the airline also operates long-haul flights to the US, Caribbean and Middle East. airberlin carried approximately 28.9 million passengers in 2016 and its fleet is among the most modern and eco-efficient in Europe. airberlin is a member of the **oneworld®** airline alliance, co-founder of Etihad Airways Partners and a strategic partner of Etihad Airways, which has a 29.21 percent share in airberlin. topbonus, the frequent flyer programme of airberlin, has more than 4.3 million members.

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