



NEWS RELEASE

# American's industry-leading response: More than 8,000 additional seats and more than 50 extra flights added to Eastern Caribbean region

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Since resuming service in the Eastern Caribbean on Sunday, Jan. 4, American continues to lead the industry's recovery in the region, adding more seats and flights than any other carrier. To add as much lift as possible — to take care of as many customers as possible — the airline has now added more than 8,000 additional seats since Sunday on more than 50 extra flights — further boosting capacity and expanding access for impacted customers affected by the FAA-mandated airspace closure.

"Even before the airspace was reopened early Sunday morning, teams from across American were hard at work to recover our Eastern Caribbean operation once we had the green light," said David Seymour, American's Chief Operating Officer. "Working 24/7 and with a singular and unrelenting focus on helping as many customers as possible, the team has pulled out all the stops — adding extra flights, setting up island hoppers, using bigger aircraft and deploying our largest aircraft. I'm proud of them every day, but the American team shines in moments like this."

## American's support of Eastern Caribbean recovery

Jan. 4

- Extra flights and larger aircraft: American operated 23 extra flights to and from the region in addition to regular service and upgraded aircraft to provide even more seats.

Jan. 5

- Extra flights: American operated 22 extra flights to and from the region.

- Interisland service: This included interisland service operated by American's wholly owned regional carrier Envoy Air. For the first time in more than a decade, the airline connected Anguilla Wallblake, Anguilla (AXA), and Beef Island, British Virgin Islands (EIS), to San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU), to provide more customers with access to the extra sections scheduled between SJU and Miami (MIA).
- The largest aircraft: American operated extra flights on the airline's largest aircraft — a Boeing 777-300.

Jan. 6

- Extra flights: American added seven more flights operating between MIA and AXA, EIS and Dominica (DOM), including:

Antigua, Antigua (ANU)

- AA9605 (ANU-MIA)

Anguilla Wallblake, Anguilla (AXA)

- AA9630 (MIA-AXA)
- AA9630 (AXA-MIA)

Melville Hall, Dominica (DOM)

- AA9631 (DOM-MIA)
- AA9631 (MIA-DOM)

Beef Island, British Virgin Islands (EIS)

- AA9632 (MIA-EIS)
- AA9632 (EIS-MIA)

- Larger aircraft: The airline continues to upgrade to larger aircraft to add even more seats in the region.

Interisland service operated by American's wholly owned regional carrier Envoy Air lands at SJU

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AMERICAN LEADS EASTERN  
CARIBBEAN RECOVERY WITH  
INTERISLAND FLIGHTS AND  
ANOTHER NEARLY 2,000 SEATS  
ADDED TO THE REGION

Sunday, January 4, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

American Airlines continues its support of customers affected by the FAA-mandated airspace closure in the Eastern Caribbean with more flights, more seats and limited-time interisland flying. The airline has added nearly 2,000 more

seats — a total of nearly 7,000 seats with 43 extra flights — to boost capacity and expand access for customers who need to travel between the Eastern Caribbean and U.S.

### Interisland flights to SJU

On Jan. 5, and for the first time in more than a decade, American and its wholly owned regional carrier Envoy Air will operate interisland flights in the Eastern Caribbean with two special flights connecting Anguilla Wallblake, Anguilla (AXA), and Beef Island, British Virgin Islands (EIS), to San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU). The interisland flights provide more customers with access to extra flights scheduled between SJU and Miami (MIA) on Jan. 5, operating on the airline's largest aircraft, the Boeing 777-300.

Jan. 5 interisland flying includes:

- AA9632 (AXA-SJU)
- AA9633 (EIS-SJU)

Even more seats available between the Eastern Caribbean and MIA

American is also adding more flights between the Eastern Caribbean and MIA, including:

Jan. 4

Beef Island, British Virgin Islands (EIS)

- AA9632 (MIA-EIS)

Jan. 5

Anguilla Wallblake, Anguilla (AXA)

- AA9630 (MIA-AXA)
- AA9630 (AXA-MIA)

Bridgetown, Barbados (BGI)

- AA9610 (MIA-BGI)
- AA9610 (BGI-MIA)

Bonaire, Bonaire (BON)

- AA9608 (MIA-BON)
- AA9608 (BON-MIA)

Melville Hall, Dominica (DOM)

- AA9634 (DOM-MIA)

Beef Island, British Virgin Islands (EIS)

- AA9631 (MIA-EIS)
- AA9631 (EIS-MIA)

Grenada, Grenada (GND)

- AA9609 (MIA-GND)
- AA9609 (GND-MIA)

St. Kitts, St. Kitts and Nevis (SKB)

- AA9612 (MIA-SKB)
- AA9612 (SKB-MIA)

With these flights and those previously announced below, the airline is further connecting 15 islands in the Eastern Caribbean with the airline's U.S. hubs at Charlotte (CLT), Chicago (ORD) and MIA.

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AMERICAN RESUMES EASTERN  
CARIBBEAN FLYING: ADDS NEARLY  
5,000 ADDITIONAL SEATS AND THE  
AIRLINE'S LARGEST AIRCRAFT TO  
THE REGION

Sunday, January 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Now that the Eastern Caribbean airspace has reopened, it's all hands on deck at American to take care of the airline's customers and help as many get to and from the region as possible. In addition to the flexibility provided by the airline's **travel alert** and the fare caps in place, American has so far added nearly 5,000 additional seats to and from the region on top of resuming scheduled service Sunday, Jan. 4. This includes adding a number of extra flights and, where possible, deploying larger aircraft — including a Boeing 777-300, the largest aircraft in American's fleet — to add as much lift as possible to support as many customers as possible. That work will continue as the American team does everything it can to help customers affected by the FAA-mandated airspace closure.

American is grateful to its team members for their swift work to support the airline's customers and to its federal partners for the coordination and communication throughout the closure.

Additional flying for Jan. 4

The following extra flights have so far been added:

Antigua, Antigua (ANU)

- AA9621 (MIA-ANU)
- AA9622 (ANU-MIA)

Aruba, Netherland Antilles (AUA)

- AA9605 (CLT-AUA)
- AA9607 (AUA-CLT)
- AA9616 (AUA-MIA)
- AA9618 (MIA-AUA)

Bridgetown, Barbados (BGI)

- AA9615 (BGI-MIA)

Curacao, Netherland Antilles (CUR)

- AA9617 (ORD-CUR)
- AA9619 (CUR-ORD)

Melville Hall, Dominica (DOM)

- AA9630 (MIA-DOM)
- AA9631 (DOM-MIA)

San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU)

- AA9603 (CLT-SJU)
- AA9604 (SJU-CLT)
- AA9609 (MIA-SJU)
- AA9610 (SJU-MIA)

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands (STT)

- AA9608 (MIA-STT)
- AA9608 (STT-MIA)

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (STX)

- AA1485 (ORD-STX)
- AA2205 (STX-ORD)

St. Maarten, Netherland Antilles (SXM)

- AA9611 (MIA-SXM)
- AA9612 (SXM-MIA)

St. Lucia, St. Lucia (UVF)

- AA9623 (CLT-UVF)
- AA9624 (UVF-CLT)

More flying on Jan. 5 with a Boeing 777-300

San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU)

- AA9604 (MIA-SJU)
- AA9605 (SJU-MIA)
- AA9606 (MIA-SJU)
- AA9613 (SJU-MIA)