

T&T gets another airline

InterCaribbean coming in March

ANOTHER airline is entering the local market.

Turks and Caicos-based regional airline InterCaribbean Airways is set to begin a non-stop, four-times-weekly service to Trinidad and Tobago from March 9.

InterCaribbean Airways was founded in 1991 as Air Turks & Caicos, headquartered in Providenciales.

The carrier operates a Caribbean network connecting over 20 destinations, including Antigua, The Bahamas, Cuba, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico, from hubs in Providenciales, Tortola, and Barbados. Its fleet includes Embraer jets and ATR 42/72 turboprop aircraft optimised for short and medium-haul inter-island travel.

Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, Eli Zakour, said yesterday the start of InterCaribbean Airways' services to T&T will benefit both business and leisure travel and reiterated Government's commitment to expanding airlift and reinforcing regional integration.

In a release, Zakour described the commencement of InterCaribbean Airways' services to T&T as an important milestone, noting that the new route strengthens regional linkages and supports tourism, trade, and cultural exchange.

The ministry welcomed services between the Grantley Adams International Airport, Barbados and Piarco International Airport.

'This development represents a significant step forward in regional air connectivity, strengthening direct links between Trinidad and Tobago and one of the Caribbean's premier aviation hubs,' the release stated.

It added that in preparation of the launch, a coordination meeting was held yesterday at the Ministry's head office, chaired by Zakour with Trevor Sadler, chief executive officer of InterCaribbean Airways, and Cary Price, director-general of the T&T Civil Aviation Authority, along with officials from the Ministry, Airports Authority of T&T, and InterCaribbean Airways.

On January 16, St Maarten-based WinAir announced the start of its services from T&T to St Maarten from February 1.

WinAir's chief executive Hans van de Velde said the airline's inaugural flight will depart on February 1, with direct services operating twice weekly, on Wednesdays and Sundays, in the initial phase.

WinAir currently operates across several Caribbean destinations, including Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Barbados, the British Virgin Islands, Curaçao, Dominica, Montserrat, Saba, St Barthélemy, St Eustatius, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, St Maarten, and T&T.



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'MORE CONNECTIVITY': Transport and Civil Aviation Minister Eli Zakour, centre, chairs yesterday's coordination meeting with officials from InterCaribbean Airways, the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority and Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago.