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## JAMAICA RECEIVES INAUGURAL ARAJET FLIGHT FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

*Event Marks Step Forward in Establishing More Regional Air Connectivity*



***Pictured:*** Arajeta makes its maiden landing at the Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston, Jamaica.

**KINGSTON, JAMAICA, November 18, 2022** – Jamaica has welcomed the inaugural flight from Santo Domingo (SDQ) and Kingston (KIN) by the Dominican Republic's new flagship airline, Arajeta, on Monday, November 14. The occasion marks the start of twice weekly non-stop service (Mondays and Fridays) from the low-fare airline.



***Pictured:*** Peter Mullings, Acting Deputy Director of Tourism, Marketing, Jamaica Tourist Board, presents Victor Pacheco, Owner/CEO of Arajet, with a Jamaican keepsake.

"We are delighted that Arajet's inaugural flight from Santo Domingo to Kingston has made its landing," said Peter Mullings, Acting Deputy Director of Tourism, Marketing, Jamaica Tourist Board, "Today marks the beginning of an important partnership creating convenient options for travel between Jamaica and the Dominican Republic."



***Pictured:*** Her Excellency Angie Martinez, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to Jamaica, addresses the media during activities to mark the inaugural flight to Jamaica at the Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston. To her left are Victor Pacheco, Owner/CEO of Arajet; Senator the Hon. Aubyn Hill, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Jamaica; and the Hon. Audley Shaw, Ministry of Transport and Mining, Jamaica.



***Pictured:*** During the festivities, a Jamaican band was present to play celebratory music.

Members of the Jamaican Tourist Board and Arajet team were present to celebrate the important landing. During the festivities, a Jamaican band was playing music and Peter Mullings, Acting Deputy Director of Tourism presented Victor Pacheco, Owner/CEO of Arajet with a Jamaican gift. In addition, a ceremonial ribbon cutting was performed by officials.



***Pictured:*** Kenneth Richards, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Kingston; Mr. Mark Golding, Leader of the Opposition; The Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; Victor Pacheco, Owner/CEO of Arajet; Her Excellency Angie Martinez, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to Jamaica; Senator the Hon. Aubyn Hill, Minister of Industry and Commerce; and a member of the Dominican Republic delegation during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

For more information about Jamaica, please visit [www.visitjamaica.com](http://www.visitjamaica.com).

#### **ABOUT JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD**

The Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB), founded in 1955, is Jamaica's national tourism agency based in the capital city of Kingston. JTB offices are also located in Montego Bay, Miami, Toronto and London. Representative offices are located in Berlin, Barcelona, Rome, Amsterdam, Mumbai, Tokyo and Paris.

In 2021, the JTB was declared 'World's Leading Cruise Destination,' 'World's Leading Family Destination' and 'World's Leading Wedding Destination' for the second consecutive year by the World Travel Awards, which also named it the 'Caribbean's Leading Tourist Board' for the 14th consecutive year; and the 'Caribbean's Leading Destination' for the 16th consecutive year; as well as the 'Caribbean's Best Nature Destination' and the 'Caribbean's Best Adventure Tourism Destination.' In addition, Jamaica was awarded four gold 2021 Travvy Awards, including 'Best Destination, Caribbean/Bahamas,' 'Best Culinary Destination –Caribbean,' 'Best Travel Agent Academy Program,'; as well as a *TravelAge West* WAVE award for 'International Tourism Board Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support' for a record-setting 10<sup>th</sup> time. In 2020, the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) named Jamaica the 2020 'Destination of the Year for Sustainable Tourism'. In 2019, TripAdvisor® ranked Jamaica as the #1 Caribbean Destination and #14 Best Destination in the World. Jamaica is home to some of the world's best accommodations, attractions and service providers that continue to receive prominent global recognition.

For details on upcoming special events, attractions and accommodations in Jamaica go to the JTB's Website at [www.visitjamaica.com](http://www.visitjamaica.com) or call the Jamaica Tourist Board at 1-800-JAMAICA (1-800-526-2422). Follow the JTB on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) and [YouTube](#). View the JTB blog at [www.islandbuzzjamaica.com](http://www.islandbuzzjamaica.com).