

JAMAICA WELCOMES INCREASED SERVICE FROM COPA AIRLINES THIS SUMMER Airline to Begin Daily Service From Panama to Montego Bay

MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA – July 3, 2018 – Starting July 17, 2018, Copa Airlines will commence daily service to Jamaica's Sangster International Airport (MBJ) in Montego Bay from Panama, the airline's Hub of the Americas. Currently, the airline operates four weekly flights on Sundays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from Tocumen International Airport in Panama City, Panama (PTY) to MBJ.

Jamaica's Director of Tourism welcomes the increased service which fits in with the overall strategy to target more visitors from the Latin American market. "Our partnership with Copa Airlines continues to strengthen year after year and we are very excited to have daily flights available between Montego Bay and Panama City," said Donovan White, Jamaica's Director of Tourism. "The new service will open up other options for travelers coming from Latin America and further helps us accomplish our goal of increasing airlift as well as visitor arrivals out of that market."

The new daily flights will depart Panama at 9:26 a.m. arriving in Montego Bay at 11:24 a.m. Return flights will depart Montego Bay at 12:19 p.m. and arrive at Panama at 2:22 p.m. This service marks Copa's 7th year flying this route as it was first inaugurated in August 2011 with twice-weekly service.

"We are constantly looking for the opportunity to offer greater flight options to our passengers, and therefore we evaluate each route, seeing the possibility of increasing its frequency. We have seen the potential with Montego Bay as demand has increased in the past year," said Pedro Heilbron, CEO of Copa Airlines. "Without a doubt, this will boost economic activity and strengthen commercial and business relations between these two countries and the rest of the continent, thanks to the connectivity we offer from the Hub of the Americas."

Copa Airlines also offers regular service from Panama City into Jamaica's Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The Kingston service departs PTY at 11:52 a.m. and arrives at KIN at 1:49 p.m. The return flight departs KIN at 3:15 p.m. and arrives at PTY at 5:17 p.m.

Copa Airlines serves 78 cities in 32 countries in North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. For more information on Copa, or to make book a flight, visit <u>www.copaair.com</u>. To book your vacation to Jamaica, go to<u>www.visitjamaica.com</u>.

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 and Mumbai.

TripAdvisor® ranked Jamaica as the #1 Caribbean Destination and #14 Best Destination in the World in 2018. Also this year, the International Council of the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) named Jamaica the Best Destination for Adventure Tourism and TravAlliance Media named the JTB the Best Tourism Board Overall. Additionally, the JTB has been declared the Caribbean's Leading Tourist Board by the World Travel Awards (WTA) for eleven consecutive years between 2006 and 2017. In 2017, Jamaica also earned the WTA's award for the Caribbean's Leading Wedding Destination and the Caribbean's Leading Cruise Destination. Jamaica is home to some of the world's best accommodations, attractions and service providers that have won several awards throughout the years.

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

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