



Insider's Guide to
Finding Flights
to **Bonaire**
from **North America**

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The choices for U.S. and Canadian travelers flying to Bonaire continue to change. Many of these airline alternatives require knowledge of schedules, days of operation, gateway cities and routing to successfully navigate and find the most viable choice for your travel plans. There is no one ‘right’ or ‘best’ way to get here – but this paper will help you find the routing (and fare) that best meets your needs.

Supply and demand along with the realities of the new airline marketplace continue to show that buying airfare direct from the carriers themselves will afford you the best fares.

This Guide will outline the variety of alternatives and offer some suggestions on researching and purchasing tickets to Bonaire. This information changes often as the airlines adjust and modify schedules. We welcome you to contact us with any questions.

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Nonstop Options from the U.S. to Bonaire



United Airlines

Nonstop jet service from Houston and Newark to Bonaire

Nonstop from Houston to Bonaire (IAH to BON)

Every Saturday -- afternoon departure from Houston (arrives Bonaire early evening) with a **Sunday morning return flight** from Bonaire to Houston. Operates year round.

Nonstop from Newark to Bonaire (EWR to BON)

Saturday morning departure from Newark (arriving Bonaire early afternoon) with return to Newark Saturday afternoon (evening arrival). Operates year round **except during seasonal service interruption** from Aug 18-Oct 27, 2018.

What We Like

- Nonstop flight
- Extensive network of United flights from other U.S. cities that connect to Houston and Newark flights to Bonaire.

Best Source for checking schedules as well as purchase of lowest available fares is www.united.com ... their trip planner is easy to use for research and to make reservations and ticket purchases.





Delta Airlines

Nonstop jet service from Atlanta to Bonaire

Nonstop from Atlanta to Bonaire (ATL to BON)

Saturday morning departure from Atlanta with mid-afternoon arrival in Bonaire. Return leaves Bonaire that afternoon with mid-evening arrival into Atlanta. Operates year round.

Sunday flight operates from Atlanta to Bonaire with same flight times as Saturday flight (with return on Sunday later that day). Operates year round **except during seasonal service interruption** from May 6-June 3, 2018 and Sep 2-Oct 28, 2018.

Seasonal Holiday Delta nonstop on **Mondays (Dec 24 and 31, 2018)** will operate from Atlanta to Bonaire (with return later that day).

NEW - Seasonal Winter Delta nonstop on **Fridays (Dec 21, 2018 through Mar 29, 2019)** will operate from Atlanta to Bonaire (with return later that day).

What We Like

- Nonstop flight
- Extensive network and convenient connections to Atlanta on Delta system

Best Source for checking schedules and fares is www.delta.com... their trip planner is easy to use for research, reservations and purchase.





American Airlines

American Airlines

Nonstop jet service from Miami to Bonaire

Nonstop from Miami to Bonaire (MIA to BON)

American Airlines offers non-stop service from Miami to Bonaire **every Saturday**. And starting Dec 19, 2018, American will also offer additional non-stop flights from Miami to Bonaire on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays!** Current schedules for Saturdays are as follows:

- **American flight 1379** – depart Miami at 12:05PM – arrive Bonaire at 4:13PM
- **American flight 1379** – depart Bonaire at 4:05PM – arrive Miami at 7:15PM

What We Like

- Connections and fares are available from cities throughout the American Airlines flight system

For pricing and ticket purchase, go to www.aa.com for most current availability and lowest fares.



Nonstop Options from the U.S. to Curacao with onward connections available to Bonaire

American Airlines

American Airlines

Nonstop jet service from Miami and Charlotte to Curacao

Nonstop from Miami to Curacao (MIA to CUR)

American offers 2 nonstop flights every day to Curacao from Miami and return. Flight options between Curacao and Bonaire (including Divi Divi Air and Insel Airlines) fly the 20-minute jump between the two islands. Schedules are available throughout the day to connect to American's flights in Curacao.

Nonstop from Charlotte to Curacao (CLT to CUR)

American offers a Saturday flight to Curacao from Charlotte, NC with return that day.

Flight options between Curacao and Bonaire presently include Divi Divi Air and Insel Airlines that fly the 20-minute jump between the two islands. Schedules are available throughout the day to connect to American's flights in Curacao.

What We Like

- Convenient connections from many U.S. cities on American
- Easy non-stop option from U.S. gateway
- New Curacao airport terminal efficiently connects passengers in transit
- Short inter-island flights are quick and plentiful



What You Need to Know

- Travelers must pass through immigration, claim baggage and check-in with connecting carrier ... we suggest 1.5 hour minimum connection time in Curacao
- Requires separate ticket purchase for flight from Curacao to Bonaire
- Some Inter-island flights operated with smaller prop/turbo-prop equipment resulting in some baggage limitations

Best Source for checking schedules and fares to Curacao on American as well as ability to purchase tickets is www.aa.com ... their trip planner is easy to use for research and to make reservations and ticket purchases.

jetBlue

Jet Blue

Nonstop jet service from New York to Curacao

Nonstop from New York to Curacao (JFK to CUR)

Jet Blue offers jet service from JFK to Curacao on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays (both directions).

Flight options between Curacao and Bonaire presently include several airlines (including Divi Divi Air and Insel Airlines) that fly the 20-minute jump between the two islands.

What We Like

- Easy non-stop option from U.S. gateway
- Available 3 days each week with lower cost fares easier to find
- New Curacao airport terminal efficiently connects passengers in transit
- Short inter-island flights are quick and plentiful



What You Need to Know

- Travelers must pass through immigration, claim baggage and check-in with connecting carrier ... we suggest 1.5-2.0 hour minimum connection time in Curacao
- Requires separate ticket purchase for flight from Curacao to Bonaire
- Some Inter-island flights operated with smaller prop/turbo-prop equipment resulting in some baggage limitations

Best Source for checking schedules and fares to Curacao on Jet Blue as well as ability to purchase tickets is www.jetblue.com ... their trip planner is easy to use for research and to make reservations and ticket purchases.



Interisland Service from Curacao and Aruba to Bonaire



Divi Divi Air

Inter-island Air Taxi from Curacao

Divi Divi offers daily flights between Curacao and Bonaire. They offer schedules throughout the day that provide convenient connections to flights that service Curacao. For customers looking to use Curacao as a jumping off point to Bonaire, Divi Divi provides reliable service as well as private charters. Flights are operated with 9 passenger Britten-Norman Islander aircraft. Divi Divi is upgrading their fleet with the addition of 19 passenger DeHavilland Twin Otters.

What We Like

- Reliable, friendly and flexible
- Inexpensive inter-island option
- Fast and efficient process

What You Need to Know

- Small aircraft results in passenger and baggage limitations
- Reservations made via their website
- Requires customer check-in and baggage transfer from/to other carriers in Curacao Airport

Best Source is to contact them their website (or email). Their website at www.flydivi.com has allows reservations and plans to provide more info and services in the future.





Insel Air

Inter-island Flights from Aruba and Curacao to Bonaire

Insel offers daily flights between Curacao and Bonaire with schedules throughout the day, as well as flights during evening hours.

Insel also offers Aruba to Bonaire service connecting through Curacao

What We Like

- Offers service from Aruba and Curacao to Bonaire with multiple daily flights
- Offer flights at night/early morning
- Larger capacity for passengers and baggage with their aircraft

What You Need to Know

- Requires clearing immigration in Aruba or Curacao, customer check-in and manual baggage transfer from originating carrier to Insel
- Service/reliability issues have been a major problem at times; limited schedules and equipment can make connections difficult

Best Source for checking schedules and fares is www.fly-inselair.com and their travel planner allows search and ticket purchase.





Aruba Air

Inter-island Air Taxi from Aruba

Aruba Air offers four weekly flights between Aruba and Bonaire. They offer flights on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The Sunday flight is non-stop and takes about 45 minutes. The flights on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday have a brief stopover in Curacao and take about 1.5 hours.

Aruba Airlines will also offer flights from Miami to Bonaire via connecting service in Aruba on the interisland flights as noted.

Aruba Airlines operates Bombardier CRJ200. The company also owns two Airbus A320's and one A319, which they use on flights to Miami, Valencia and Maracaibo.

Tickets can now be booked directly via www.arubaairlines.com.

What We Like

- Reliable with multiple flights per week
- Reasonable cost inter-island option
- Clear U.S. Customs in Aruba on way back to USA

What You Need to Know

- Reservations made via their website
- Requires customer check-in and baggage transfer from/to different airline in Aruba Airport

Best Source is to contact them their website (or email). Their website at www.arubaairlines.com allows reservations and plans to provide more info and services in the future.

Flights from Canada to Bonaire



New non-stop flight from Toronto every Sunday on Sunwing – learn more here: <https://www.bonairepros.com/blog/travel-updates/new-non-stop-flight-bonaire-canada>

Other options can be found for Canadian flights connecting via Curacao. See our blog for current details at: <https://www.bonairepros.com/blog/flights-to-bonaire/flights-to-bonaire-from-canada/>

Aruba to Bonaire

Although non-stop flights from USA to Aruba are not detailed in this paper, it is an alternative gateway to Bonaire with many major carriers offering competitive fares and schedules throughout the week including Delta from Atlanta, Southwest from Houston and Orlando, American from Charlotte, Philadelphia and Miami and Jet Blue from JFK and Boston. As an interisland connecting point, it can be effective, although more expensive than puddle-jumping from Curacao. And most all flights between Aruba and Bonaire currently require a change of planes in Curacao.

Although Curacao and Aruba are suitable gateways, the United, Delta and American nonstop options from the U.S. to Bonaire continue to be the preferred and most reliable routing for most travelers (even at higher fares).





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