AIR CARAIBES AND FRENCH BEE
ANNOUNCE A PROGRESSIVE RELAUNCH OF THEIR COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS

Paris-Orly, May 26, 2020 - The airlines Air Caraïbes and French bee, subsidiaries of the Dubreuil group, announce the gradual relaunch of their commercial flights and the reopening of long-haul passenger traffic. These rotations will be carried out, first, to and from their “Core network” destinations: Pointe-à-Pitre (Guadeloupe), Fort-de-France (Martinique), Cayenne (Guyana), Saint-Denis (La Réunion) and Saint-Martin (connecting via the Air Caraïbes regional network from Pointe-à-Pitre). All these long-haul flights will only be operated by Airbus A350.

A gradual and reasonable relaunch

Commercial flights to and from these destinations will start again with the reopening of Orly Airport, closed to commercial flights since March 31 and which could reopen June 26, according to statements by Public Authorities.

However, pending the reopening of Orly, Air Caraïbes and French bee are announcing the launch of a reduced program as of June 12 from Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport.

All these flights will be carried out with the latest generation fleet of Airbus A350-900 and A350-1000 from the two airlines. These decisions are reinforced by the declaration of the Prime Minister, Edouard Philippe, on Thursday, May 14 which confirms: “that the French people will be able to go on vacation this summer, everywhere in Metropolitan France and in the French Overseas Departments.”

Air Caraïbes and French bee would like to specify that this will be a gradual relaunch, in strict compliance with the health instructions to be applied, which will be defined shortly. The safety and health of its customers, its staff and the populations of the French Overseas Departments remain their top priorities. This “take-off” also remains conditioned by the new announcements from the public authorities and the Prime Minister which should take place at the end of this month, and during which he will make a first health assessment of phase 1 of the unlock down.

The Air Caraïbes regional network, as part of a Public Service Delegation, and since April 24, delivers an inter-island services between Pointe-à-Pitre, Saint-Martin and Saint-Barthélemy with its usual partner Saint Barth Commuter. Air Caraïbes has relaunched its flights between Pointe-à-Pitre and Fort-de-France since May 25.

Special rates for students from the French Overseas Departments

Air Caraïbes and French bee also announce the implementation of special fares for students wishing to return to their home department:
• From 299€ inc.VAT one way from Paris to the Antilles (Pointe-à-Pitre and Fort-de-France)
• From 349€ inc.VAT one way from Paris to Cayenne
• From 399€ inc.VAT one way from Paris to Reunion

Students will be able to travel with 2 pieces of checked baggage, that is, one piece of 23 kilos free.

**Maintain the essential link to their “core network”, despite the crisis…**

Air Caraïbes and French bee also wish to emphasize that, during the entire phase of major health crisis that our country has gone through, they have maintained the essential relations which links them to their “core network” via regular operations of cargo flights only. The two airlines have made up to 8 flights this week from Orly with, on board, mostly sanitary equipment and perishable goods.

... And be agile to partially compensate for the occasional stop in passenger traffic

At the same time, Air Caraïbes and the Vendée Group Prolaser have set up a chain of cargo flights to import more than 100 million protective masks into France. The Air Caraïbes Airbus A350-1000 is punctually based at Nantes-Atlantique airport to perform the 22 scheduled rotations to and from Nanjing (China).

“All our teams are ready and committed to once again allow our customers to travel to and from the Antilles, Guyana and Reunion. We know that the recovery will have to be reasoned and responsible, therefore slow and gradual, but it is essential for Air Caraïbes and French bee to be present in these destinations for both our customers and our staff. The precise program of our respective flights will be communicated soon. We can't wait to see you again!

“Say Sophie Hocquez, Commercial Director of French bee and Edmond Richard, Deputy Managing Director of Air Caraïbes.”