

Press release

## **FRENCH BEE announces the relaunch of its flights to Tahiti**

Paris - Orly - June 15, 2020 - **French bee, the first low-cost long-haul French airline and subsidiary of the Dubreuil group, is pleased to announce the gradual relaunch of its flights to and from French Polynesia from July 15, 2020. These flights will be operated by A350 - 900, the latest generation Airbus.**

### **An unprecedented health situation**

Due to the exceptional and global health crisis that affected all airlines, French bee operated its last flight to and from Papeete on March 15. The airline, in strict compliance with the measures decided by the local and national authorities, had announced the suspension of the service on March 18.

The French bee teams nevertheless remained mobilized to maintain the essential link to French Polynesia and carried out jointly with the logistics group SIFA, a flight dedicated to the delivery of healthcare products to Tahiti, on May 12.

### **Reopening to international tourists from July 15**

The health situation is now under control and for obvious economic reasons, the President of French Polynesia, Edouard Fritch, announced that from July 15, international flights will resume.

Under these conditions, French bee is pleased to announce the relaunch of its flights according to the following program:

- A special flight on July 10 as part of the return to mainland of teachers and their relatives. This first flight will make a stopover in Pointe-à-Pitre where French bee benefits from the support of Air Caraïbes, its sister airline. The conditions of entry to Tahiti before the reopening to tourism will obviously be scrupulously respected.

- From July 15, at a frequency of one flight per week first, then two from August. These flights will, in principle, be based on the American stopover in San Francisco, however French bee is working on an alternative stopover, if the United States do not reopen their airports to international traffic.

"All of the French bee teams, based in Tahiti and in mainland France, are excited about restoring our commercial flights to Papeete. These connections will once again allow families to meet and travelers to discover these exceptional territories. They also participate in the essential territorial continuity between France and its overseas territories. Of course, all safety and health instructions already implemented by French bee on flights operating to Reunion Island will apply to the flights to Tahiti." says, **Muriel Assouline, Managing Director of French bee.**

#### **About French bee**

France's leading low-cost long-haul airline, French bee (formerly French blue) is a subsidiary of the Dubreuil Group. The company offers from Paris-Orly 4 10 flights per week to Reunion Island, and three flights per week to Tahiti, French Polynesia, and San Francisco in the United States. French bee will also connect Paris to New York when the Authorities of both countries will allow it. French bee operates a fleet of three Airbus A350 aircrafts under the French flag. [www.frenchbee.com](http://www.frenchbee.com)



#### **About the Dubreuil Group**

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