

Delta Air Lines to return to Cuba in December

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Delta Air Lines will begin daily service to Havana, Cuba, from Atlanta, Miami and New York–JFK on December 1st following an announcement by the US department of transportation.

Delta thanked the DOT for awarding the airline the ability to resume operating nonstop scheduled service to Cuba for the first time in almost 55 years.

Flights will be available for sale beginning September 10th, 2016.

All routes are subject to Cuban regulatory approval.

“Today, we celebrate our long-awaited and historic return to Cuba, and we reaffirm our thanks to Secretary Foxx and his team as well as the US state department for granting us the authority to operate this service,” said Nicolas Ferri, Delta vice president, Latin America and the Caribbean.

“This December, we look forward to serving customers with the excellent customer service and operational performance they expect from Delta while reuniting families and supporting a new generation of travellers seeking to engage and explore this unique destination.”

Delta flights between New York-JFK and Havana will connect the New York City area, home to the second largest Cuban-American population, to Cuba's political, cultural and economic capital.

Atlanta service will provide more than 150 US cities with one-stop access to Cuba from the world's largest hub, with more seats, destinations and flights than any other carrier.

Delta's Miami-Havana flights will serve the largest population of Cuban-Americans in the US.

Delta is the second-largest carrier at Miami International Airport by number of daily flights.

Americans can travel to Cuba only if their trip falls within one of 12 designated categories, including family visits, educational activities, religious activities, humanitarian projects, professional research and professional meetings and others.

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