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BARBADOS WELCOMES INTERCARIBBEAN AIRWAYS

On Monday, August 4, the Government of Barbados officially welcomed interCaribbean Airways, which has setup a Southern Caribbean hub in Barbados.

Led by Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy, the Hon. Kirk Humphrey, the delegation which included officials from the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. (BTMI) and the Grantley Adams International Airport (GAIA), were on hand to witness an interCaribbean Airways flight arriving from Grenada.

Initially two Embraer 120 30-seat aircraft will be based in Barbados, with two additional aircraft arriving towards the end of August 2020. interCaribbean Airways will offer double daily air service from St. Lucia to Barbados, as well as a once daily service from Dominica, and 10 weekly flights from Grenada, with St. Vincent to be added soon. Discussions are also underway for the addition of services from Barbados' top source markets in the region, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana, by the end of 2020.

Trevor Sadler, Chief Executive Officer of interCaribbean Airways, stated that “the launch of this double daily service between Saint Lucia and Barbados is in direct response to our growth plans derived from LIAT’s current challenges. The airline business is about providing a service that our customers want and this flight, is a welcome addition to our network, to serve their needs.”

Speaking on the new partnership which came after months of Government meetings with several airlines, Humphrey said that “I am thankful to be able to have this partnership with you, to be that hub for you in the Southern and Eastern Caribbean... It is always my belief that partnerships that are forged in difficult times are often the ones that last. Thank you for choosing Barbados.

“This partnership will be about bringing people closer together because we are strong believers in regionalism; strong believers in the idea that we are stronger together... bringing Barbadians closer to other people in the Caribbean, bringing Caribbean people closer to Barbadians,” Humphrey said.

The Minister also outlined that Saint Lucia, Grenada and Dominica are included in the newly introduced the travel ‘Bubble’. Travelers from countries within the “Bubble”, who have not traveled to or transited through any country designated as High, Medium or Low-Risk within 21 days prior to travel to Barbados, will not be required to take a COVID-19 PCR test prior to or on arrival.

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About interCaribbean Airways

Founded in 1991 as InterIsland Airways by Lyndon Gardiner with a single small Cessna aircraft operating on demand charters. Today, the airline currently operates 2 ERJ145, 50 passenger jets, 10 30 passengers Embraer 120, as well as a 9 passenger Britten Norman Islander. Two additional ERJ145 aircrafts will be entering service, alongside a new fleet type in the near future.

interCaribbean has interline partnerships with a number of airlines via British Airways, Air Caraibes, Condor, CAL, Win Air and Cubana. The airline is looking at an interline arrangement out of South America with a Brazil and Argentina based airlines.

About Barbados

The island of Barbados offers the most authentic Caribbean experience with its exceptionally rich culture and history rooted in remarkable landscapes. Rated as one of the world's sexiest beaches in 2008 by Concierge.com; Barbados' Crane Beach in St. Philip stands as a premier destination for travellers. Barbados is also the first Zagat-rated Caribbean island and is known as the culinary capital of the Caribbean. Barbados has hosted several world class events including: The annual Barbados Food & Rum Festival; the 2006 PGA World Golf Championships-Barbados World Cup, the

ICC Cricket World Cup Finals in 2007, the Sentebale Charity Polo match with Prince Harry of Wales in 2010, and the ICC Twenty20 Cricket Finals for 2010, and the Rihanna LOUD concert in 2012. Accommodations range from picturesque plantation houses and villas, to quaint bed and breakfasts and award-winning, five-star resorts. Grantley Adams International Airport offers even more non-stop and direct service from a growing number of U.S. cities, making Barbados the true gateway to the Eastern Caribbean. Barbados was voted eighth in the World by Trip Advisor's "2008 Travelers' Choice Destination Awards" in its Top 100 Destinations category. For more information on travel to Barbados, visit www.visitbarbados.org, follow on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/VisitBarbados>, via Twitter @Barbados.