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Norwegian Announces New Route From London to Rio de Janeiro

-London to Rio de Janeiro flights to launch with four weekly services starting March 31, 2019

-New service breaks the monopoly on nonstop flights between the UK and Brazil

-Convenient schedules allow more connection options for passengers

FORNEBU (November 27, 2018) - Norwegian announces a new nonstop route from London to Rio de Janeiro, which follows the airline's existing service to South America with direct flights from London to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Starting Sunday March 31, 2019 Norwegian will commence the new service to Rio de Janeiro Galeão International Airport (GIG) from London Gatwick Airport. Four weekly flights will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, with a brand-new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft.

"We're building on our expansive global network by launching our first flights to Brazil and making South America available to even more people. Our new Rio de Janeiro route breaks the monopoly on direct flights between the UK and Brazil as we're committed to lowering fares and making travel more affordable for all leisure and business travelers," said Bjørn Kjos, Chief Executive Officer of Norwegian.

Norwegian customers in Europe and Brazil will have the opportunity to easily connect to and from the London-Rio de Janeiro service using the carrier's vast short-haul network of European flights.

The new route to Rio de Janeiro follows Norwegian's existing service to South America with direct flights from London to Buenos Aires. The Gatwick - Buenos Aires route will increase from four weekly flights to a daily service from December 3, 2018 in response to customer demand. In October, the airline launched domestic flights in Argentina with two routes from Buenos Aires to Mendoza and Cordoba ahead of planned new routes to Salta, Iguazú, Bariloche and Neuquén.

Good news for the Brazilian economy

"The start of operation of Norwegian in Brazil has everything to become a landmark in Brazilian tourism. The increase in connectivity with affordable services is fundamental for the country to increase the flow of travelers, generate employment and move the Brazilian economy," said Brazil's Minister of Tourism Vinicius Lummertz.

"The new direct flight from London to Rio de Janeiro by Norwegian is excellent news for connectivity between Brazil and the United Kingdom. It will certainly increase the flow of tourists, allowing more British people to enjoy the beauties of Brazil. It will also help to create jobs in our country and improve competition, potentially reducing costs for passengers. For that, we praise Norwegian's announcement of the new route," said His Excellency Fred Arruda, the Ambassador of Brazil to the United Kingdom.

Flight schedule – (local times):

DI 7501 Departs London 12:00 Arrives Rio de Janeiro 19:25 – (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun)

DI 7502 Departs Rio de Janeiro 22:25 Arrives London Gatwick 13:35+1 - (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun)

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About Norwegian

Norwegian is the world's fifth largest low-cost airline and carried 33 million passengers in 2017. The airline operates more than 500 routes to over 150 destinations in Europe, North Africa, Middle East, Thailand, Caribbean, North and South America. Norwegian has a fleet of more than 150 aircraft, with an average age of 3.7 years, making it one of the world's youngest and "greenest" fleets.

Norwegian has been named the [Most Fuel-Efficient Airline on Transatlantic Routes](#) by the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) twice. Norwegian has been voted 'Europe's Best Low-Cost Airline' by passengers for six consecutive years at the SkyTrax World Airline Awards 2013-2018, along with being named the 'World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul' Airline' for the past four years. Norwegian employs more than 9,000 people worldwide.

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