

# Iberia Continues to Expand Services to Latin America, and Will Fly the Airbus A350s to Buenos Aires and Chicago



Starting in July it will raise its capacity on routes to Montevideo, Quito, and Rio de Janeiro<sup>1</sup>, offering daily flights to all three cities, while the airline will fly 10 times a week to Lima in July and August next year.

- On April 12, it will resume the direct Madrid-San Francisco flights it launched last summer.
- The Spanish airline has also announced plans to fly its new Airbus A350s to Buenos Aires and to Chicago.
- On board of Iberia flights to Johannesburg and Havana, customers will be able to enjoy the airline's Premium Economy class

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Iberia continues to bet strongly on Latin America and plans to raise capacity on several routes there in the 2019 summer season. The airline will boost the numbers of flights and seats offered on routes to Buenos Aires, Mexico City, Santiago de Chile, Guatemala City, and El Salvador this winter, and next summer it will expand its services to four other important markets as part of its Latin American strategy:

- **Brazil:** last June, Iberia raised the number of Madrid-Rio de Janeiro flights from four to five weekly, and next July flights will be daily, representing more than 180,000 seats per year, a 32% increase.

<b>Flight no.</b>	<b>Departs</b>	<b>Arrives</b>	<b>Days</b>
IB6025	Madrid 11:55	Rio de Janeiro 17:45	Mon., Tues.*, Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. *
IB6024	Rio de Janeiro 19:10	Madrid 10:10 next day	Mon., Tues.*, Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. *

\*New frequencies starting July, 2019

<sup>1</sup> Subject to government authorization

- **Uruguay:** Iberia will operate return Madrid-Montevideo flights starting in July, and will move from five to seven flights per week, a 20% increase in annual seat supply to more than 180,000.

<b>Flight no.</b>	<b>Departs</b>	<b>Arrives</b>	<b>Days</b>
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IB6011	Madrid 00:05	Montevideo 08:00	Mon., Tues.*, Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.*, Sun.
IB6012	Montevideo 13:20	Madrid 06:05 next day	Mon., Tues.*, Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.*, Sun.

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- **Ecuador**, Iberia is boosting its service to Quito, and starting next July will it rise from six flights a week to a daily flight, using its biggest aircraft, the Airbus A340/600, equipped with the new Premium Economy seating section. The additional flight represents an increase in seat supply by 9.4% to nearly 245,000 per year.

Flight no.	Departs	Arrives	Days
IB6453	Madrid 11:50	Quito 16:15	Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.*, Sat., Sun.
IB6454	Quito 17:55	Madrid 11:15 next day	Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.*, Sat., Sun.

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- **Peru**: Iberia will offer 100 flights to Lima in July and August, with 2,154 additional seats on that route

<b>Flight no.</b>	<b>Departs</b>	<b>Arrives</b>	<b>Days</b>
IB6659	Madrid 13:10	Lima 18:20	Daily
IB6653	Madrid 23:55	Lima 04:35 next day	Mon., Th., and Sat.*
IB6652	Lima 11:25	Madrid 06:00 next day	Tu., Fri., and Sun.*
IB6650	Lima 20:00	Madrid 14:25 next day	Daily

\*New frequencies in July and August 2019

### **Back to San Francisco**

In the 2019 Summer season, Iberia will resume the non-stop flights from Madrid to **San Francisco** it launched last summer from April 12 to September 27, with flights on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Iberia will use 289-seat A330/200s on this route, for a total annual supply of some 40,000 seats.

These flights will be available for bookings today on [iberia.com](http://iberia.com) and other sales channels

### **More Routes for the Airbus A350**

In 2019, Iberia is to take delivery on another three Airbus A350s, the most advanced aircraft on the market.

This will enable the airline to use the Airbus A350 on other routes, starting with Buenos Aires and Chicago. These new aircraft are currently flying on Iberia's Madrid-New York flights.

As of next February, the A350 will gradually be incorporated into Madrid-Buenos Aires service, and in the course of the year an Airbus A350 will be used for one of Iberia's daily flights between Spain and Argentina. The airline is concentrating its efforts on this key market, and will offer a total of 17 flights per week and 600,000 seats, an increase of 19% in 2019.

Chicago will become Iberia's second US destination after New York to welcome the A350 gradually from May.

### **Premium Economy reaches Havana and Johannesburg**

At the start of the 2019 summer season, Iberia passengers flying to **Havana** and to **Johannesburg** may opt for the new **Premium Economy** class available on the Airbus A330-300s the airline will operate on these routes.

Iberia's **A330-300s** have **29 Business class seats, 21 seats in Premium Economy, and 242 in Economy**. The Premium Economy is designed for Economy class passengers who are willing to pay a little more for a lot more comfort, plus extra services in the air and on the ground.

**About Iberia:** Iberia is the leading carrier on routes between Europe and Latin America and it flies to **130 destinations in 47 countries** in Europe, the Americas, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Together with its subsidiary Iberia Express and its franchise partner Iberia Regional/Air Nostrum, it operates about 600 flights each day with a fleet of some 135 aircraft. It offers easy and convenient connections at its hub in T4 in Madrid-Barajas airport. In 2016 and 2017, Iberia **was the world's most punctual airline** according to FlightGlobal Incorporating FlightStats, while it was awarded its 4<sup>th</sup> Skytrax star in 2017. The airline is a member of the **oneworld** alliance that operates more than 14,000 daily flights to some 1,000 destinations in more than 150 countries. For more information, please visit <http://grupo.iberia.es>