

## Direct flights between Cuba and Germany resumed



An Airbus belonging to Plus Ultra (symbolic image) (Source: [Pedro Araújo/Commons/CC-BY-SA 3.0](#))

Since Wednesday, there has once again been a direct flight connection between Germany and Cuba. This was announced by Cuban Transport Minister Eduardo Rodríguez Dávila [on Facebook](#). The connection had been interrupted for over seven months.

“On the night of December 3, the direct flight connection between Germany and Cuba was restored with a flight from Frankfurt to Holguín to Havana,” explained Eduardo Rodríguez Dávila, Cuba’s Transport Minister.

The route is served twice a week: Wednesdays from Frankfurt to Holguín and Saturdays from Frankfurt to Havana. The connection is operated by the Spanish airline Plus Ultra, which has leased an aircraft to the Cuban state airline Cubana de Aviación.

### **Airbus with 287 seats in service**

The aircraft used is an Airbus A330-200 with a capacity for 287 passengers, including 17 in premium class and 270 economy seats.

The resumption of flights is “the result of the joint work of our aviation system with the Ministry of Tourism and its international partners,” said Rodríguez Dávila. According to the minister, Cubana de Aviación aims to use its own aircraft on the route in the future.

The new connection was already announced in April after the German airline Condor [announced](#) in December 2024 that it would suspend all flights to Cuba from May 2025. This

meant the loss of what had been the only direct connection between the two countries until then.

## **Holguín focuses on European tourists**

For Holguín, the new connection is a positive sign. Yuset Vargas Ricardo, delegate of the Ministry of Tourism in the province, [described](#) the resumption as a “significant step at a key moment for the local economy and the tourism sector.”

Miguel Andrés Peña Peña, general manager of Frank País García International Airport in Holguín, explained that the terminal is expected to handle around 60 international flights during the current high season. In addition to the new Frankfurt connection, there are flights from Czechia, a connection to Moscow, and increased flights from Canada.

The airport has been refurbished for the new season. Maintenance work has been carried out and staff have been trained for new systems and higher passenger numbers, according to Peña Peña. This year, the airport has worked with 13 airlines, mainly with connections to Canada and the US, with a recent increase in European travelers to the province's beach resorts.

The resumption of flights comes at a time when the Cuban tourism sector is facing considerable difficulties. According to the national statistics office ONEI, a total of 1.47 million travelers visited Cuba between January and October 2025 – a decline of 19.9 percent compared to the same period last year. ([Cubaheute](#))