

**JAMAICA AIR SHUTTLE LIMITED**

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**Jamaica Air Shuttle New Domestic Airline Starts Commercial Operations 4th December**

New domestic Airline, Jamaica Air Shuttle, will start commercial passenger service on the Tinson Pen Kingston to Montego Bay route on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009. This development heralds the re-introduction of regular passenger air services at the convenient Tinson Pen Aerodrome, which has been without such service for the past several years.

The airline will operate at least thirty one “on demand” round-trip services per week between Tinson Pen and Montego Bay in the initial phase of its operations. Increases in frequency on that route and expansion to Boscobel, Negril and Port Antonio are planned.

The airline has acquired three twin turbo-prop Beechcraft 99 aircraft, each of which is equipped with fourteen passenger seats. The flight time from Tinson Pen to Montego Bay in the Beech 99 will be twenty three minutes. In making the announcement today, Jamaica Air Shuttle’s Managing Director Christopher Read said that the airline was established in response to persistent calls by the local business community, professional and tourism interests for the re-introduction of dedicated domestic passenger service, particularly between Tinson Pen and Montego Bay. Now it will be easy to traverse the island for business meetings; professional, social and visa appointments; as well as to connect to or from international flights at Montego Bay or Kingston.

According to Chris Read, the Airline will focus on providing efficient service and saving its customers time and hassle. By operating dedicated local service out of Tinson Pen Aerodrome in Kingston and the domestic wing at Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay, the airline will afford its passengers speedy pre and post flight processing. Additionally, the airports are located close to the dormitory and commercial districts of Kingston, St Andrew, St Catherine, Montego Bay and Rose Hall, which will reduce drive time to and from home or business appointments. Also to improve accessibility, the airline has contracted the Skyvantage Airline Management System to provide an easy to use “state of the art” web based reservations system which allows travelers to make and pay for reservations any time of day or night.

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