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VIAJA CON AVELO!

Avelo Airlines Takes Flight in Punta Cana with Nonstop Service to Hartford, Conn. and Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

Affordable, one-way fares from PUJ start at \$156

PUNTA CANA, D.R.; Feb. 21, 2025 – Avelo Airlines today launched its first scheduled international route between Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) and Hartford’s Bradley International Airport (BDL). Tomorrow, Saturday, February 22, the airline will begin its second nonstop route to North Carolina’s Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU). Avelo is the only airline offering nonstop service from PUJ to these two destinations.

Avelo will operate the Hartford route twice weekly on Fridays and Mondays and the Raleigh-Durham route twice weekly on Saturdays and Wednesdays, both utilizing Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft. Affordable, one-way fares start at \$156*. Travelers can make reservations at [AveloAir.com](https://www.aveloair.com).

Avelo commemorated its inaugural flight in Punta Cana this morning with a water-cannon salute upon arrival and festive Dominican dancers and musicians. Customers came off the plane waving their D.R. flags excited to start their vacations and visit their loved ones. An event was hosted by PUJ Airport and Avelo Airlines accompanied by local and state political, community and business officials.

Avelo Airlines Founder and CEO Andrew Levy said, “Punta Cana – Viaja con Avelo! Our inaugural international service in Punta Cana is a significant milestone for Avelo. As the only airline offering nonstop service to the D.R. from Connecticut and North Carolina’s Research Triangle, we look forward to making Punta Cana’s famous beaches, as well as its vibrant energy and laid-back charm, easier than ever for Avelo travelers to enjoy. We also look forward to making it easier for our D.R. Customers to connect with family and friends in Connecticut and the Raleigh-Durham area.”

PUJ Airport Director of Airside Operations Giovanni Rainieri said, “This route expansion marks a significant milestone for both Avelo Airlines and Punta Cana Airport (PUJ), underscoring their shared commitment to providing passengers with convenient travel options. It also reinforces the airport’s position as a key hub in the Caribbean region. We are thrilled to celebrate the opening of this new air route together.”

Hartford – The Capital Way to Connecticut

From its origins as a Connecticut River trading post in 1633, Hartford hosts a slew of historical attractions, a thriving arts and entertainment center, a revitalized riverfront and beautiful parks and public gardens. It's home to the Mark Twain House & Museum where the lovable Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer were born in the imagination of celebrated author Mark Twain and immortalized on paper during the writer's Hartford years.

Raleigh / Durham, N.C. (RDU) – Nonstop Access to The Research Triangle

The Triangle Region offers the widest range of activities and attractions in North Carolina. This region boasts award-winning inns, hotels and spas, culinary delights for every taste, and cultural experiences including university gardens and art and history museums. A trip to this blossoming Southern metropolis leaves visitors enriched and energized the instant they're welcomed by its smart, savvy locals. RDU is also home to three large research universities: Duke University, NC State University and the University of North Carolina.

America's Most Reliable and Convenient Airline

Since taking flight on April 28, 2021, Avelo has flown more than 6.3 million Customers on nearly 50,000 flights. Today Avelo serves 53 cities spanning 23 states and Puerto Rico, as well as three international destinations: Jamaica, Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Avelo has unlocked a new era of convenience, choice, and competition by flying unserved routes to primarily underserved communities across the country. Most Avelo routes have at least one small, easy to use airport. This makes traveling with Avelo a smoother, easier and more enjoyable experience than contending with the crowds, congestion and long walks at larger airports.

Avelo is distinguished by its industry-leading reliability. In 2024, Avelo ranked #1 in on-time performance and achieved the lowest flight cancellation rate in the U.S. airline industry. These results are provided by Anuvu, a leading aviation data services company also utilized by *The Wall Street Journal* for the publication's annual airline ranking. Anuvu's complete industry results and rankings are available at AveloAir.com.

Avelo also delivers world-class customer satisfaction, exemplified by our Net Promoter Scores (NPS), which consistently rank among the best airlines and most admired brands in the world.

Avelo offers an abundance of advanced seating options. One third of its aircraft seats (Avelo Premium and Premium Economy) offer extra leg room — ranging from 32 inches to more than 36 inches of pitch. These seats offer a more comfortable experience for Customers who value more space. Customers can also purchase window and aisle seats in advance of their flight. In addition to advance seat assignments, Avelo offers several unbundled travel-enhancing options that give Customers the flexibility to pay only for what they value, including priority boarding, checked bags, carry-on overhead bags, and bringing a pet in the cabin.

Additionally, families can travel with ease knowing every child 14 and under will be automatically seated with an accompanying adult at no additional cost.

About Avelo Airlines

Avelo Airlines' purpose is to *Inspire Travel* by saving travelers time and money. The airline offers travelers time and money-saving convenience, everyday low fares, and a refreshingly smooth, caring and reliable travel experience. Operating a fleet of 20 Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft, Avelo serves 53 popular destinations across the United States, Jamaica, Mexico and the Dominican Republic, including its six bases at Los Angeles' Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR), Southern Connecticut's Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN), the Philadelphia / Delaware Valley region's Wilmington Airport (ILG), Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU), the Bay Area's Sonoma County Airport (STS) and Central Florida's Lakeland International Airport (LAL). Avelo will open its seventh and eighth bases at Charlotte's Concord-Padgett Regional Airport (USA) and Coastal North Carolina's Wilmington International Airport (ILM) in spring 2025. For more information visit AveloAir.com or the Avelo Newsroom at AveloAir.com/Newsroom.

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*Affordable, one-way fares include government taxes and fees. Fares start at \$156 originating at PUJ and ending at BDL for travel between May 2 and May 19, 2025. Fares must be booked by February 27, 2025. Fares are available on a limited number of flights and seats. These routes are subject to foreign government approval. Additional fees for carry-on and checked bags, assigned seats and other optional services may apply. A \$25 charge per seated traveler applies to all bookings or changes made through Avelo's Customer Support Center. For full terms and conditions, please see Avelo's [Contract of Carriage](#).