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Norwegian continues UK's cheapest Caribbean flights with £159 fares to Puerto Rico

Low-cost airline Norwegian is bringing back the UK's only direct flights to Puerto Rico from November following a successful first winter season with fares now available from £159 one-way incl. taxes.

Norwegian, Europe's third largest low-cost carrier, launched low-cost flights to the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico last November with the current season extended to next month due to high demand.

From 2 November, Norwegian will continue its popular service to the island's capital San Juan with twice weekly direct flights from Gatwick on the airline's brand new larger Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. With more than 25,000 seats on sale, these new aircraft offer 18% more seats per flight in two classes – Premium and Economy - giving passengers a more comfortable travel experience.

With an earlier scheduled arrival time in Puerto Rico from last season, passengers will be able to meet cruise line departures and make flight connections to other Caribbean islands more easily.

Thomas Ramdahl, Chief Commercial Officer at Norwegian said: "With our 787 Dreamliners flying nearly full it's no surprise Puerto Rico is back by popular demand. This coveted route is the cheapest gateway to the Caribbean and nearly 25,000 British holidaymakers have taken advantage of our affordable flights in comfortable brand new aircraft. With Norwegian set to return to the shores of Puerto Rico, we will continue to deliver a high quality service and boost tourism by being the sole carrier of choice for Brits."

Ingrid I. Rivera Rocafort, Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Tourism

Company said: “This is great news for Puerto Rico and the UK. We are delighted with the success Norwegian’s direct route between London and San Juan has achieved. The response and acceptance of Puerto Rico’s five-star qualities among British travellers wanting to enjoy a top Caribbean destination continues to strengthen the island’s image as a world class destination in the region.

“We are confident our partnership with Norwegian will continue to stimulate demand and open up new opportunities for Puerto Rico in the UK and beyond.”

Puerto Rico is one of seven direct low-cost long-haul routes operated by Norwegian from London Gatwick. The service will operate throughout the winter season until 22 March 2017.

Flight schedule - Gatwick to Puerto Rico

- **Departs** Wednesday at 0930 **Arrives** Wednesday at 14:45
- **Departs** Saturday at 1035 **Arrives** Saturday at 15:50

Flight schedule – Puerto Rico to Gatwick

- **Departs** Wednesday at 1700 **Arrives** Thursday at 0505
- **Departs** Saturday at 1755 **Arrives** Sunday at 0600

Norwegian also serves New York, Los Angeles, Ft. Lauderdale and Orlando and is launching new routes to Boston from 27 March and San Francisco-Oakland from 12 May with fares starting from £135 one way incl. taxes.

This summer, Norwegian has put on sale a record 425,000 low-cost long-haul seats on sale.

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Norwegian first launched UK flights in 2003 and is Europe's third largest low-cost airline. The carrier operates from London Gatwick, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Manchester Airports to 34 destinations worldwide.

- Norwegian is the **third largest airline at London Gatwick**, with 3.9 million yearly passengers, and with 130 pilots and 300 cabin crewworking from its Gatwick base
- In 2014, Norwegian introduced the **UK's first low-cost, long haul flights to the U.S.** flying direct from Gatwick to New York, Fort Lauderdale and Los Angeles
- Norwegian is the only airline to offer **free inflight WiFi** on UK flights to more than 30 European destinations
- The airline has one of the **youngest aircraft fleets in the world** with an average age of four years, including next-generation Boeing 787 Dreamliners and Boeing 737-800s
- Norwegian has been **voted 'Europe's best low-cost carrier' by passengers** for three consecutive years at SkyTrax World Airline Awards, and was also the first airline to be awarded the **'World's best low-cost long-haul airline'** in 2015 by SkyTrax.

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