

Condor celebrates first flights to Santa Clara and Montego Bay

Santa Clara in Cuba latest addition to the leisure airline's program

Frankfurt, 11 November 2013 - Dr. Michael Kerkloh, CEO of Munich Airport, and Achim Lameyer, General Manager Global Sales at Condor Flugdienst GmbH, today officially adopted the new connection from Munich (MUC) to Santa Clara (SNU). And with the first flight to Montego Bay (MBJ) in Jamaica departing at the same time, there were two great reasons to celebrate. Condor is the only airline in Europe that flies non-stop to Santa Clara. The open jaw flight goes from Munich to Santa Clara, and then back to Munich via Montego Bay.

A few words were spoken, and then the connection was officially opened with the ribbon-cutting before the first-flight cake was also cut. A group of dancers gave passengers a taste of the Caribbean beats at their holiday destination.

Achim Lameyer at the event: "Condor offers its passengers a great selection of interesting holiday destinations from Munich that range from islands such as Cuba, Montego Bay or the Dominican Republic and Cancun in Mexico, to exotic destinations such as Goa in India, Mombasa and Mauritius. Thanks to its economic advantages, Munich is an important location for Condor after Frankfurt, previously the only long-haul departure airport in Germany. We hope that our long-haul offer will continue to be well received so we will be able to position ourselves successfully in this area over the long-term."

Airport director Dr. Michael Kerkloh is delighted with the airline's greater commitment. "Condor's decision to choose our airport once again makes it clear that our partners on the airline side put a great deal of trust in Munich as a location. And quite rightly so – I am firmly convinced that Condor's new long-haul offer from Munich will be extremely well received. After all, this has been the case with medium haul for quite some time now."

Santa Clara, Cuba

On landing in Santa Clara, passengers were welcomed with cocktails and the country's typical music, courtesy of Cuba's tourist office.

The city at the western foot of the Escambray Mountains is of tremendous significance both historically and culturally. During the Cuban Revolution, the dictator Batista was driven away by the famous rebel leader Che Guevara. Some of the sights in Santa Clara, the memorial to Che

Guevara or the square in front of his grave, illustrate just how important Cuba's history remains in the city today. The freedom fighter and Cuba's passion are everywhere. The university city at the heart of Cuba is extremely multifaceted: from colonial architecture and fabulous parks to the mountain landscape and the Hannabanilla reservoir.

Condor guests can fly for all-inclusive one-way prices starting from 399,99 Euro in the Economy Class, 499,99 Euro in Premium Economy and 999,99 Euro in Comfort Class from Munich to Santa Clara. Feeders and Defeeder from many German and European cities can easily be booked at www.condor.com.

Montego Bay, Jamaica

In the past, the only flights to Montego Bay were from Frankfurt, but with the addition of Munich there is now also a direct connection from southern Germany. Montego Bay is famous for its popular bathing resorts of Doctor's Cave and White Sands. The city at the heart of the Gold Coast offers countless opportunities for sports and leisure activities, and local produce is shipped all over the world from the harbor. Guests can experience the delights of Jamaican bananas, coffee and rum – and even oysters.

Condor flights from Munich can be booked in travel agencies and online at www.condor.com. For example, Condor guests can fly for all-inclusive one-way prices starting from 399,99 Euro in the Economy Class, 549,99 Euro in Premium Economy and 1199,99 Euro in Comfort Class from Munich to Santa Clara. Feeders and Defeeder from many German and European cities can easily be booked at www.condor.com.

Condor Flugdienst GmbH has been flying its passengers to the world's most beautiful holiday destinations since 1956. On an annual basis, 6.7 million passengers fly with Condor to around 75 destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and America. Since 1 October 2013, the various companies in the Thomas Cook Group plc have been linked by a single symbol: the Sunny Heart. All Thomas Cook Group Airlines aircraft bear the Sunny Heart on their tail units to express their common identity. The fleet of airlines in the Thomas Cook Group comprises 86 modern and environmentally friendly aircraft, of which 39 aircraft are in the Condor fleet: 12 Airbus A320s, two Airbus A321s, 13 Boeing 757-300s and 12 Boeing 767-300s. The aircraft are maintained by the airline's own technical operations.

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