

## Press release

### ***Condor long-haul departing from Cologne/Bonn in Winter 2014/15***

***New direct destination Varadero/Cuba from 4<sup>th</sup> of November***

Cologne/Frankfurt am Main, 5 February 2014 – Germany’s most popular holiday airline is including long-haul flights from Cologne/Bonn (CGN) in its Winter 2014/15 schedule. Next winter season, starting on November 4th, a Boeing 767-300 will be flying from the Rhine metropolis to Varadero (VRA) on Cuba on Tuesdays. Flights can be booked from February 13, 2014.

“We are extending our Winter 2014/15 schedule by another attractive departure airport in Cologne/Bonn, and adding a long-haul destination to the current short- and medium-haul range,” explains Ralf Teckentrup, Chairman of the Executive Board at Condor. “As a leisure airline, we offer the approximately 20 million residents of Western Germany and the Benelux countries the shortest route to the beaches of the Caribbean.”

Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Board Köln/Bonn Airport GmbH: “The ‘sine qua non’ of every airport is its long-haul flights, which is why we are particularly pleased by our new connection to Varadero. Cuba is a fascinating island, and Condor is a respected and traditional airline. So the conditions for a successful long-haul connection could not be better.”

Varadero will meet everyone’s expectations of the Caribbean: bright white beaches with fine sand, and the sea a bright turquoise that almost seems to glow. The city is in the province of Matanzas, and a change from the beach life can be found, for instance, in Cárdenas, some 11 km away. The “real” Cuba is to be found in this delightful port, where the road traffic consists of horse-drawn carriages and bicycles. Its charms are best enjoyed over a glass of rum in one of the cafés near the cathedral. The impressive colonial buildings and typical 60s road cruisers of the Cuban capital Havana are not far away, and the city is the perfect destination for a day trip – or even a longer stay. Nature is seen at its most impressive in the unique Cuevas de Bellamar cave system, or the valley of Yumurí, one of the island’s most spectacular landscapes, and largely unspoilt. The crystal clear waters of the Laguna de Maya or Playa El Coral offer divers a fascinating underwater world of coral reefs, rare fish, rays and crayfish. Equipment is extremely affordable, and the activities are also very popular with locals.

A one-way all-inclusive ticket is available to Condor passengers from Cologne/Bonn to Varadero (VRA) for € 359,99 in Economy, € 549,99 in Premium Economy. It is also easy to get to the airport by train using the airport’s convenient ICE connection with Rail & Fly tickets. Condor offers inexpensive rail tickets for € 33 per person and route.



## Köln Bonn Airport



From February 13, 2014, Condor flights from Cologne/Bonn to Varadero can be booked online at [www.condor.com](http://www.condor.com), through any travel agent or by phone to +49 (0) 1806 767767 (€ 0.20/call from a German landline, maximum mobile charge € 0.60/call).

Condor Flugdienst GmbH has been flying its passengers to the world's most beautiful holiday destinations since 1956. On an annual basis, 7 million passengers fly with Condor to around 75 destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa and America. Since 2013, the German airline Condor, is part of the Thomas Cook Group Airlines to which the Thomas Cook Airlines UK, Thomas Cook Airlines Belgium and Thomas Cook Airlines Scandinavia also belong. The fleet of the 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, 2 Airbus A321, 13 Boeing 757-300s and 12 Boeing 767-300s. The aircraft are maintained by the airline's own technical operations. Condor is co-initiator of the four-litre-campaign of the federal association of German aviation (BDL): German aviation consumption of kerosine is less than 4 litres per passenger on 100 kilometres.

Further information can be found here: [www.condor.com/Newsroom](http://www.condor.com/Newsroom)

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