



American Airlines Announces Temporary Route Closure for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Kingstown, St. Vincent. (March 24, 2020) – American Airlines has announced that its last service operating between Miami (MIA) and St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVD) will be on Wednesday April 1, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The service is set to resume operating on June 4, 2020, however this is subject to change based on the development of the global situation. The situation is evolving rapidly and non-residents of the United States currently booked to travel are advised to contact their travel agent or airline contact to make the necessary changes to their ticket as they may not be allowed to board.

Additional entry measures have been set up by the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines as a response to the pandemic. St. Vincent and the Grenadines confirmed its first imported case of the virus on Wednesday, March 11, and Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves said that several meetings of officials have taken place since then to address the issue. As of Monday March 23, all travellers arriving to St. Vincent and the Grenadines from the following countries are now required to quarantine for 14 days: Iran, China, South Korea, Italy, United States of America, United Kingdom, European Union Member Countries. All persons with a travel history including countries not listed will only be allowed into St. Vincent and the Grenadines once no symptoms of COVID-19 are exhibited. In addition, upon entering the country, all persons will be issued a card with the COVID-19 hotline number and indicating that they are required by law to report any symptom which may develop after entry and during their stay.

Measures setup for Vincentians to stay safe include the Prime Minister announcing that he has also given approval to hire between 20 and 25 additional Vincentian nurses “to strengthen surveillance, maintenance and management of COVID 19 especially at airports and other ports of entry”. The Prime Minister also urged Vincentians to take proper cautions to keep themselves and others safe. A hotline has also been introduced — 534 – HEAL (4325) — so that persons can call to get information or to report possible cases of the virus.

Travel to the United States has been suspended for all aliens who have been physically present in the following countries, 14 days prior to intended entry into the US:

Austria	Belgium	China
Czech Republic	Denmark	Estonia
Finland	France	Germany
Greece	Hungary	Iceland
Ireland	Italy	Latvia
Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg
Malta	Netherlands	Norway
Poland	Portugal	Slovakia
Slovenia	Spain	Sweden
Switzerland	United Kingdom	



More information on the COVID-19 situation in SVG can be found here:

<http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c>

<https://www.facebook.com/SVGHEALTH/>

About St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG):

A collection of 32 islands and cays in the Caribbean, St. Vincent and the Grenadines boasts the best of what the authentic Caribbean is renowned for. The Grenadines which stretch 45 miles south from the main island of St. Vincent, include eight inhabited islands: Young Island, Bequia, Mustique, Canouan, Mayreau, Union Island, Palm Island and Petit St. Vincent (PSV). The Tobago Cays (home of SVG's national marine park) is a horseshoe shaped reef that shields five deserted islets and is known to have some of the best sailing waters in the world. For more information on the islands of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, please visit www.discoversvg.com

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