

REPORT: AIRLINES: LATIN AMERICA

What you need to know

September 2021

This report presents a roundup of what's been happening to airlines in Latin America over the last month.

Major airlines

Avianca

A step closer to Chapter 11 exit

Avianca filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in [May 2020](#). On [September 14, 2021](#), it took a step closer to emerging from Chapter 11, after a U.S. court approved the airline's disclosure statement describing the terms of its reorganization plan. It may now submit the plan to creditors for their approval.

Gol

Deeper alliance with American

American Airlines is investing \$200 million in Brazilian low-cost carrier Gol, as the two carriers expand and extend an existing codeshare arrangement. The alliance already covers more than [30](#) of American's U.S. destinations and [20](#) of Gol's South American destinations. For at least the next [three years](#), the carriers will remain each other's exclusive codeshare partners in their respective home markets.

American's investment, which is subject to regulatory approval, would give it a [5.2%](#) stake in Gol.

LATAM Airlines

European schedule expanded

Following the lifting of restrictions on international travel from Brazil, LATAM Airlines has brought forward its plans to increase direct services from South America to Europe.

In [October](#), frequencies will increase on flights from Sao Paulo to Madrid and Paris. The airline will resume direct flights between Sao Paulo and Barcelona in [November](#), when it will also increase frequency from Sao Paulo to Frankfurt and Lisbon. Sao Paulo-Milan services will resume in [December](#).

Date for reorganization plan extended

A U.S. bankruptcy court has approved LATAM Airlines Group's request for a second extension of time to submit its reorganization plan.

The airline had previously been granted an extension giving it until [September 15](#) to file a plan and [November 8](#) to seek creditor acceptances for it. LATAM must now submit its reorganization plan on [October 15](#).

Other airlines

Copa Airlines

Capacity cuts improve in August

In [August](#), Panamanian carrier Copa Airlines operated [31%](#) less capacity (available seat miles) than in

August 2019. This marks a five-point improvement on the 36% it reported for July. However, traffic at the airline (revenue passenger miles) in August was down 35%.

TAG Airlines

Mexico added to network

Guatemalan regional airline TAG Airlines started flights to Mexico from the end of August. From Guatemala City, the airline operates four weekly flights to Cancun and five to Tapachula. While it competes with Volaris to Cancun, it is the only airline flying between Guatemala and Tapachula.

Note

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