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U.S.: Frontier Airlines to cut more than 4,000 flights between November and January 2023 amid staffing shortages, other issues

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The influx of travelers has come as airlines struggle with staffing shortages and logistical issues that have led to delays and cancellations. Some carriers have scaled back their schedules to help get ahead of any potential snarls, while others have shifted focus to newly popular routes—and now one major airline has drastically altered its offerings by cutting more than 4,000 flights in the coming months.

Affected Area

On August 2, Frontier Airlines uploaded new information about its schedule between November and January, revealing that it would be cutting more than 4,000 flights, Simple Flying reports. In total, the carrier appears to have dropped 43 routes that were expected to operate over the winter season—with no sign that the company will revive them.

The changes included 32 domestic route cuts, with 84 percent of the changes affecting service to and from Florida. The canceled routes include Atlanta, Georgia to Ontario,

California; Buffalo to Fort Meyers, Florida; Cleveland, Ohio to Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas and Miami, Florida; Columbus, Ohio to Tampa, Florida; Colorado Springs, Colorado to Orlando, Florida; Dallas-Fort Worth to Miami; Detroit, Michigan to Miami; Fort Lauderdale, Florida to Green Bay, Wisconsin, Portland, Maine, and Rochester, New York; Fort Myers, Florida to Rochester and Syracuse, New York; Green Bay to Tampa; Indianapolis, Indiana to Fort Myers; and Islip, New York to Fort Myers.

Other cut routes include Kansas City, Missouri to Orlando; Las Vegas, Nevada to Madison, Wisconsin; Miami to Syracuse; Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Tampa; Minneapolis, Minnesota to Orlando; Omaha, Nebraska to Fort Myers; Ontario to Phoenix, Arizona; Portland, Maine to Fort Myers and Tampa; Providence, Rhode Island to Fort Myers and Tampa; Raleigh Durham, North Carolina to Tampa; Rochester to Tampa; Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Orlando; and Tampa to Syracuse.

Many of the dropped routes were recently launched or restarted during the pandemic, Simple Flying reports. But the changes also leave some cities cut off from flight service to each other, including popular winter routes such as Portland, Maine to Fort Lauderdale, Tampa, and Fort Myers.

The changes also saw 11 international routes cut from the schedule, all of which include Cancún, Mexico. There will be no more service from Hartford, Connecticut; Boston, Massachusetts; Buffalo; Columbus; Dallas-Fort Worth; Detroit; Houston, Texas; Miami; Minneapolis; Providence; and Raleigh Durham to the popular vacation destination. Similar to the domestic cuts, Frontier launched many of the Cancún routes relatively recently, Simple Flying reports.