

Colombia's Ultra Air secures AOC and preps for launch

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Ultra Air (Medellín José María Córdova) will commence flight operations on February 23, having secured its air operator's certificate (AOC) from the Colombian civil aviation authority (Aerocivil) last week.

In a statement, the nascent budget carrier said it would service the following domestic Colombian routes:

Bogotá - Medellín - Bogotá;
Bogotá - Cali - Bogotá;
Bogotá - Cartagena de Indias - Bogotá;
Bogotá - Santa Marta - Bogotá;
Bogotá - San Andrés - Bogotá;
Medellín - Cartagena - Medellín;
Medellín - Santa Marta - Medellín;
Santa Marta - Pereira - Santa Marta;
Cartagena - Pereira - Cartagena.

Backed by USD30 million in initial capital, Ultra Air currently has a fleet of two A320-200s with two more awaiting delivery.

According to the ch-aviation capacities module, the domestic Colombian market is currently dominated by Avianca Airlines (AV, Bogotá) with 43.32% of the 745,010 weekly seats available followed by LATAM Airlines (LA, Santiago de Chile Int'l) with 24.55%, Viva (VH, Medellín José María Córdova) with 23.27%, EasyFly (Colombia) (VE, Bogotá) with 5.18%, Satena (9R, Bogotá) with 2.68%, and GCA Air (9A, Cali) with 0.77%.

