

CARIBBEAN AIRLINE TO LAYOFF 62



If you have done a lot of travelling to the warmer, more tropical parts of the world the odds are good that you have at least seen a Caribbean Airlines jet in the past. Whether or not you will see one in the future however is a different matter completely. For those of you who are not familiar with the company, here is a look at how they **describe themselves**: “Presently Caribbean Airlines serves 16 markets in the Caribbean, South America and North America, operating a core schedule of 530 weekly departures with a fleet of 21 aircraft. Caribbean Airlines acquired routes operated by Air Jamaica on 26 May 2011, and currently employs 1,124 employees with the Air Jamaica headcount at 650.” Caribbean Airlines is getting ready to get rid of 62 of those workers. According to information released by an as yet unnamed pilots association in Jamaica these jobs are going to be cut as part of a restructuring effort. The layoffs will begin in the month of May, though we do not have an idea of the specific date of the job cuts at this time. We also do not have any information about the kind of severance that they may receive. Of course this is not the only airline to cut back on jobs in order to make ends meet. Even some of the largest airlines have cut back on their workers in order to make ends meet. For those of you who missed out on our **recent coverage** of the job cuts at American Airlines here is an excerpt that will get you up to speed in no time at all: “It looks like American Airlines is at it again. As a part of its recovery plan after filing for bankruptcy the company is getting ready to cut another 1,200 people from their payrolls. The jobs to be cut are going to be primarily in the areas of airport baggage handlers and cargo management jobs. This second wave of layoffs is slamming into the company staffing this year, and if things continue on this way then they will not be the last layoffs that American Airlines perpetrates on its employees in a bid to stay in business. The job cuts will impact all of the positions at nine facilities. Seven on those facilities will be in the U.S. and the remaining two are in Canada. The company expects to outsource its baggage handling and cargo operations. The airports that are expected to be impacted by the job cuts and outsourcing include the following: Columbus, Ohio; Memphis, Tennessee; Hartford, Connecticut; Sacramento, California; Portland, Oregon; Reno, Nevada; Calgary and Vancouver. Of course, these cuts are only part of a larger plan to trim the company’s expenses. When all is said and done they expect to cut spending on staff by about \$1.25 billion. In order to do that they have cut back a lot more than just this 1,200 jobs. A few weeks ago American Airlines announced some even broader scale job cuts in order to being the process of complying with their bankruptcy filing.”

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