

## Edelweiss is discontinuing flights to Cuba

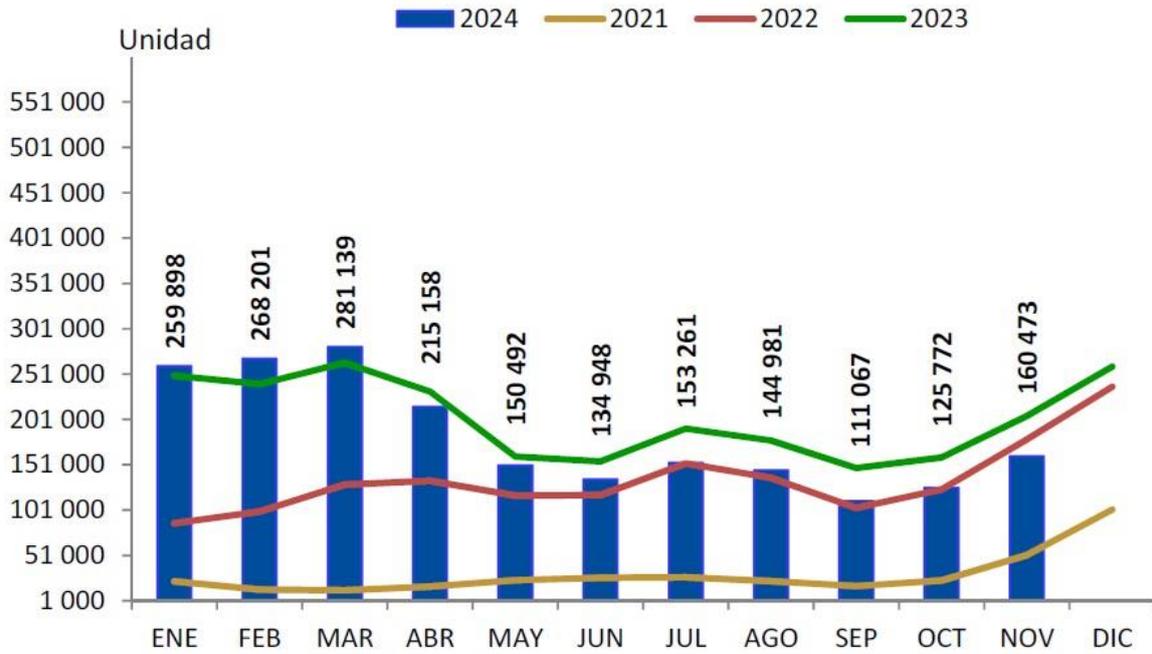


Edelweiss Airbus A340 (Source: [Remo Schmitter/Commons/CC-BY-SA 4.0](#))

The next setback for European tourism in Cuba: [Following Condor](#), the Swiss airline Edelweiss is now also discontinuing its connections to Cuba. “After a thorough review, Edelweiss has decided to discontinue flights to Havana, Cuba, from March 2025. The last flight from Zurich to Havana and back to Zurich will be operated on Thursday, February 27, 2025,” the airline announced [on its website](#).

The airline cited the decline in demand as well as the “current conditions at Havana's José Martí International Airport” as reasons for the decision. “An on-site review by Edelweiss has shown that it is difficult to ensure long-term, stable and reliable long-haul operations,” the company said in a statement. [According to media reports](#), the country's ongoing fuel crisis has recently also affected flight operations.

Switzerland and Germany have each lost their last direct flights to Cuba with Edelweiss and Condor. From March, Swiss travelers to Cuba will have to switch to connections with a stopover in Paris or Madrid, which are still offered by Air France, Iberia and Air Europa, among others.



Number of tourist arrivals in Cuba 2021-24 (source: [ONE](#))

For Cuba's tourism industry, the loss of two important direct flight connections means another setback after 2024 had already ended disappointingly.

[According to the latest data](#) from the statistics agency ONE, tourist arrivals by the end of November were two million, 7.9 percent below the previous year's figure. In particular, arrivals from Europe (with the exception of Russia) fell sharply. From Germany, 59,643 people visited the island by November last year, a decrease of 6.1 percent compared to 2023. ([Cubaheute](#))