



**CARIBBEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (CTU)
CTU ICT WEEK 2026 – FRENCH GUIANA
TRAVEL INFORMATION NOTE FOR DELEGATES**

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) is pleased to provide the following travel information to assist delegates in planning their participation in **CTU ICT Week 2026**, scheduled to take place in **Cayenne, French Guiana**, from **Monday 21st September to Thursday 24th September 2026**.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

French Guiana has **limited international air connectivity**, and delegates are advised to make travel arrangements early.

There are **no direct flights from most Caribbean, Latin American and U.S countries to Cayenne (CAY)**. All delegates should expect to travel via **one or more connecting hubs**.

Primary Air Access Routes to Cayenne

- **Fort-de-France, Martinique (Caribbean hub)**
- **Paris, France (primary international gateway)**
- **Belém or Fortaleza, Brazil (limited regional access)**

RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES

ARRIVAL

Delegates are strongly advised to arrive no later than **Saturday 19th September 2026**.

Due to limited flight schedules into Cayenne:

- **Sunday 20 September arrivals are not reliably available via Caribbean routes**
- Sunday 20th arrivals are **only consistently possible via for Europe countries via Paris**

Departure

Delegates are advised to schedule departure on **Friday 25th September 2026**, which aligns with available outbound flights.

Region	Best Route	Stops	Arrival Feasibility
Eastern Caribbean	Martinique	1	Saturday only
Guyana/Suriname	Martinique/Brazil	1–2	Saturday only
Jamaica/Belize	Panama and Martinique	2–3	Saturday only
USA/Canada	Miami/NY – Martinique or Miami - Panama - Martinique	1–2	Saturday only
Latin America	Brazil direct	0–1	Limited
Europe	Paris direct	1	Saturday & Sunday



RECOMMENDED ROUTING OPTIONS

Option 1 – Caribbean Route (Preferred for Regional Delegates)

Country of origin → **Fort-de-France (Martinique)** → Cayenne

- Most efficient option for Caribbean participants
- Typically requires **1–2 connections**
- Delegates using this route should plan to **arrive on Saturday 19th September**

Option 2 – Europe Route (Preferred for Europe, UK, Netherland, German Delegates)

Country of origin → **Paris (France)** → Cayenne

- Direct long-haul flights from Paris to Cayenne
- Suitable for delegates requiring **Sunday arrival**
- Recommended for participants travelling from North America or Europe

Option 3 – South America Route

Country of origin → **Belém or Fortaleza (Brazil)** → Cayenne

- Limited direct services
- May require overnight transit
- Suitable primarily for South American participants

There are **VERY FEW direct international routes into Cayenne.**

Only direct (non-stop) routes into Cayenne (CAY):

- **Paris (France)** – Air France / Air Caraïbes
- **Fort-de-France (Martinique)** – Air France
- **Belém (Brazil)** – Air France
- **Fortaleza (Brazil)** – Air France

This means: **ALL CTU delegates will require at least 1 stop (often 2 stops)**

There are **3 main gateway hubs** to reach Cayenne:

1. Caribbean Hub (Most Practical for CTU)

- **Fort-de-France (Martinique)** → Direct to Cayenne
- Operated by Air France / Air Caraïbes

2. Europe Hub (Most Reliable but longer)

- **Paris (CDG / Orly)** → Direct to Cayenne
- ~9-hour direct flight ([Air Caraïbes](#))

3. Brazil Hub (Useful for South America)

- **Belém / Fortaleza** → Direct to Cayenne



CARIBBEAN ROUTES (CTU Member States)

Trinidad & Tobago

Option 1 – 1 Stop (BEST ROUTE)

- Port of Spain → **Fort-de-France, Martinique** → Cayenne
- Airlines: Caribbean Airlines and Air France

Option 2 with 2 Stops (via Caribbean islands)

- Port of Spain → Barbados or St Lucia → Martinique → Cayenne

From other CTU Member States of Barbados, St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica → **Fort-de-France (Martinique)** → Cayenne

- Airlines: Caribbean Airlines and Air Caraïbes

JAMAICA AND BELIZE (Northern Caribbean)

Kingston → **Panama City** → **Fort-de-France (Martinique)** → Cayenne

- Airlines: Copa Airlines and Air France

GUYANA AND SURINAME (Closest countries geographically)

- Georgetown / Paramaribo → **Fort-de-France (Martinique)** → Cayenne; OR
- Georgetown / Paramaribo → **Belém (Brazil)** → Cayenne

LATIN AMERICA : Via Panama

Country of origin → Panama City (PTY) → Fort-de-France (Martinique) → Cayenne

Airlines: **Copa Airlines (to Panama City) or Air France (Martinique → Cayenne)**

Brazil Direct flights available

- Belém → Cayenne and Fortaleza → Cayenne

EUROPE ROUTES - France - Direct flights:

- Paris → Cayenne
- Airlines: Air France and Air Caraïbes

LONDON, NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY Europe (1 Stop)

- From London or Amsterdam or Frankfurt → **Paris** → Cayenne

U.S.A :Option 1: Via the Caribbean (e.g Miami or NY → Fort-de-France, Martinique → Cayenne)

Route: USA → **Fort-de-France (Martinique)** → Cayenne

Airlines: American Airlines / JetBlue / Caribbean Airlines (to Caribbean hubs)

- Air France / Air Caraïbes (Martinique → Cayenne)

U.S.A Option 2: Via Panama + Caribbean (e.g Miami → Panama → Martinique → Cayenne)

Route: USA → **Panama City** → **Fort-de-France, Martinique** → Cayenne

Airlines: Copa Airlines and Air France



VISA AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

French Guiana is an **overseas department of France**, and entry requirements follow **French regulations**. Nationals from the following **generally require a visa** (short-stay visa for French overseas territories). However, the host has arranged through the French Guiana Ministry of Foreign Affairs a special VISAS GRAND EVENEMENT for the event. Please note that all participants are to ask to check in with their French Embassies for passport verification before travel to French Guiana :

CARICOM & Caribbean requiring visas (relevant to CTU delegates)

- Jamaica
- Guyana
- Suriname
- Belize
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Grenada
- Dominica
- Antigua and Barbuda

Latin America (selected)

- Cuba
- Dominican Republic

Africa, Asia: Most countries in Africa and Asia

Countries that DO NOT require a visa

- All EU Member States
- Schengen countries (e.g. Germany, France, Spain, Netherlands)

Visa-exempt countries (generally)

- United States
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- Brazil

YELLOW FEVER REQUIREMENT

All travelers to French Guiana are required to present **proof of Yellow Fever vaccination** upon entry.

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Cayenne – Félix Eboué International Airport (CAY)

Located in Matoury, approximately 15–20 minutes from Cayenne city centre.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Airport transfers will be arranged for delegates upon submission of travel itineraries. Further details will be communicated by the Secretariat.



GENERAL TRAVEL ADVICE

Delegates are encouraged to:

- Book flights early due to limited flights availability
- Allow sufficient connection time between flights
- Verify transit visa requirements for connecting countries
- Obtain travel and health insurance
- Carry all required documentation, including vaccination certificates

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The CTU Secretariat will not be responsible for any travel disruptions, missed connections or expenses incurred due to improper travel arrangements or non-compliance with entry requirements. Delegates are therefore urged to carefully follow this advisory when planning their travel.

The CTU Secretariat looks forward to welcoming you to **French Guiana for CTU ICT Week 2026**.