



### *Technical Details*

Designer	<i>Leanne Sherliker</i>
Printer	<i>Cartor</i>
Process	<i>Lithography</i>
Stamp Size	<i>45mm x 28mm</i>
Sheet Size	<i>249mm x 332mm</i>
Souvenir Stamp Size	<i>45 x 35mm</i>
Souvenir Sheet Size	<i>110 x 65mm</i>
Format	<i>Landscape</i>
Paper Type	<i>CASCO Crown Watermarked</i>
Perforation	<i>13 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 13 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub></i>
Denominations 4 x value stamps	<i>(25¢, 80¢, \$1, \$1.50)</i>
Release Date	<i>17 August 2018</i>
First Day Cover with stamps sale price	<i>\$4.35</i>

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# Cayman Islands



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The National Flight Carrier of the Cayman Islands “Cayman Airways Ltd.” was established on August 7th, 1968. 2018 marks their 50th Anniversary and to commemorate this special occasion the Cayman Islands Postal Service, in collaboration with Cayman Airways Ltd. has created a four-stamp issue depicting the current fleet.

The stamps are valued at 25¢, 80¢, \$1, \$1.50, a First Day Cover \$4.35, a Souvenir Sheet \$2.00 and a self-adhesive booklet of the 25¢ stamps.

The Cayman Islands Postal Service acknowledges with much appreciation, the contribution made to this issue by Cayman Airways Ltd.

## PRODUCTS

### Stamp Set

**25¢ Boeing 737-300** - Cayman Airways has operated six Boeing 737-300 aircraft over the years. The first two were briefly leased in 1991 and 1992, and the other four arrived between 2003 and 2008. The latter four aircraft were painted with the Cayman Airways livery seen today. These 122-seat jets feature eight seats in Business Class with 114 seats in Economy. They have successfully operated all of Cayman Airways’ international routes, as well as the Cayman Brac route.

**80¢ Boeing 737-800** - The arrival of a “New Generation” Boeing 737-800 aircraft in December 2016 was a milestone in the current Fleet Modernization Plan for Cayman Airways, which will see all of the airline’s current jets replaced with four brand new Boeing 737-8Max aircraft by 2020. This 162-seat Boeing 737-800 aircraft features 12 seats in Business Class, and arrived on a two-year lease to serve as a “bridge” aircraft until the first Boeing 737-8Max jet arrives in late 2018.

**\$1 De Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter** - In late 2003, Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) enhanced its Sister Islands service with the formation of Cayman Airways Express to operate multiple daily flights between Grand Cayman and the Sister Islands - Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. Two De Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter aircraft were initially wet-leased, and by 2006 Cayman Airways Express acquired its own two 15-seat Twin Otters, which continue to successfully serve this crucial airbridge for domestic service within the Cayman Islands, particularly for Little Cayman. The service includes connecting flights to and from CAL’s international destinations.

**\$1.50 Saab 340B+** - In November 2015, Cayman Airways welcomed the first of two Saab 340B+ aircraft to further boost its Cayman Airways Express service between Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac. The latest of the Saab 340 series, this B+ model features a more modern interior with larger overhead bins, comfortable leather seats and wider aisles. The active noise and vibration control system provides enhanced noise reduction to ensure that passengers are able to enjoy the roomier cabin in comfort for the quick flight between Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac. The Saab 340B+ also has greater cargo and baggage capacity. The second Saab 340 B+ aircraft arrived in November 2016. Both remain in the fleet.

**Souvenir Sheet** – The 50th Anniversary logo is depicted on the \$2 stamp.

### First Day Cover Image – Boeing 737-8MAX

By the end of 2018, Cayman Airways will receive the first of four brand new Boeing 737-8Max aircraft on long-term lease, as part of the airline’s ongoing Fleet Modernization Plan. It will be the first Boeing 737-8Max in a Caribbean fleet. These new aircraft will replace the current Boeing 737-300s, with the remaining three 737-8Max arriving by the third quarter of 2020, when Cayman Airways will boast the newest fleet in the region. Utilizing technology from the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, the 737-8Max saves over fifteen percent in fuel costs as compared to the airline’s current 737-300s, and will include features such as the new Boeing Sky Interior, the highest reliability rating of any aircraft, winglets to increase fuel efficiency, and major design improvements resulting in lower maintenance costs. It also offers a greater range capability for operating longer routes. *Photo by Boeing.*



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