

Volaris

Volaris (Concesionaria Vuela Compania de Aviacion S.A.B. de C.V.) is a Mexican discount airline based in Santa Fe, Alvaro Obregon, and Mexico City, Mexico. The carrier was founded in 2005 and now operates hubs at Guadalajara and Mexico City to destinations throughout North and Central America. Volaris operates Airbus family aircraft which includes the A319, A320, and A321.

On June 1, 2017 a press release was issued reporting that Volaris was in talks with New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez for possible service from Albuquerque to Guadalajara, Chihuahua, and Mexico City. The hope is to begin direct flights in 2018. On August 17, 2018 it was formally announced that Volaris would begin service between Albuquerque and Guadalajara, Mexico on November 17, 2018 with two flights per week on Mondays and Saturdays. Service began as planned using Airbus A320 and A320neo aircraft however it was soon cut back to operating on Mondays only by February, 2019, then to every other Monday beginning in March, 2019. All service to Guadalajara ended on June 3, 2019.

On February 9, 2019 a press release stated that Volaris would begin new service from Albuquerque to Chihuahua, Mexico on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June, 18, 2019. The service began as planned but only lasted two weeks, ending on June 27, 2019. Both routes ended citing insufficient passenger demand.



Volaris Airbus A320 departing Albuquerque on its inaugural flight to Guadalajara on November 17, 2018.



Volaris Airbus A320neo with advanced engines departs Albuquerque on December 22, 2018.



Volaris destination map in 2018 showing Albuquerque.