

Air Canada Sets Course for Summer 2024 with Expanded Services to Popular European Destinations

- *New year-round route between Montreal and Madrid*
- *Expanded service to Italy, includes three daily flights to Rome*
- *Earlier seasonal start-ups from Montreal to Amsterdam and Copenhagen, and from Toronto to Brussels and Edinburgh*

MONTREAL, Sept. 5, 2023 /CNW/ - Air Canada today announced a new, year-round route between Montreal and Madrid beginning next May, as part of its expanded international summer 2024 flying schedule. The airline plans to operate 100 per cent of its peak summer 2019 trans-Atlantic capacity next year, taking full advantage of the robust recovery in its largest international market.

"Air Canada saw a tremendous rebound in international flying this past summer, particularly on the trans-Atlantic, and we expect Europe will remain popular next year. In anticipation of this, we are expanding our flying schedule to offer customers more choice and flexibility as they begin to plan their 2024 holidays," said Mark Galardo, Executive Vice President of Revenue and Network Planning at Air Canada. "The centrepiece of today's announcement is our new Montreal-Madrid flight. This will be the only year-round service between Montreal and the Spanish capital, complementing our long-standing Toronto-Madrid flights, and offering compelling options for leisure customers and also returning business travellers."



Air Canada's Montreal-Madrid service will be operated with a 255-seat Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft with three cabins of service, including Signature Class with lie-flat seats, Premium Economy and Economy Class. All customers have the opportunity to collect and redeem points with Aeroplan, Canada's leading loyalty program, and eligible customers have access to priority check-in, Maple Leaf Lounge access, priority boarding and other benefits where available.

Montreal - Madrid Schedule

Flight	From	Departure	To	Arrival	Frequency
AC 834	Montreal	20:30	Madrid	09:40 (+1)	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun
AC 835	Madrid	13:15	Montreal	15:20	Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun

Air Canada Atlantic Services

With 51 routes to 30 cities in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and India, Air Canada will be the leading Canadian carrier across the Atlantic in summer 2024. Air Canada's Toronto and Montreal hubs will respectively rank third and fifth largest in North America, in terms of average daily trans-Atlantic seats; the airline is committed to further developing both hubs' trans-Atlantic footprint in the coming years.

"We are excited to announce a significant expansion of our service offering to Italy, with a combined three daily flights from Toronto and Montreal to Rome, as well as daily services to Milan and Venice. This underpins the importance of Italy in Air Canada's global network, as we are the largest carrier between Canada and Italy, and the only one connecting the two countries on a year-round basis," said Mr. Galardo.

In response to projected strength in leisure demand, Air Canada will expand frequencies to popular Mediterranean destinations and bring forward the start-up of several seasonal European services next summer. Key increases in Air Canada's trans-Atlantic services for summer 2024 include:

From Montreal to:

Destination	Service Improvement in Summer 2024 vs Summer 2023
Athens	Increase to 3 weekly frequencies in April, daily from May to October
Amsterdam	Earlier seasonal start on March 30 th , 2024, increase to daily service
Barcelona	Increase to 4 weekly frequencies in April, 5 in May, 6 from June to October

Casablanca	Increase to 6 weekly frequencies from June to September
Copenhagen	Earlier seasonal start on May 2 nd , 2024
Lisbon	Increase to 4 weekly frequencies in April, 5 from May to October
Milan	Increase to daily service from June to September
Nice	Increase to 5 weekly frequencies from June to September
Rome	Increase to 9 weekly frequencies from May to September
Venice	Increase to 3 weekly frequencies from June to October

From Toronto to:

Destination	Service Improvement in Summer 2024 vs Summer 2023
Athens	Increase to 4 weekly frequencies in April, daily from May to October
Brussels	Earlier seasonal start on May 1 st , 2024
Barcelona	Increase to 5 weekly frequencies in April, daily from May to October
Copenhagen	Increase to daily service from May to September
Edinburgh	Earlier seasonal start on March 1 st , 2024 (operates from March to January)
Lisbon	Increase to daily service from April to October
London	Increase to 4 daily services from April to October
Manchester	Increase to 6 weekly frequencies from June to September
Rome	Increase to 12 weekly frequencies from May to September
Venice	Increase to 4 weekly frequencies from June to October

Seats are available for purchase now at aircanada.com, via the Air Canada App, Air Canada's Contact Centres, and travel agents.

Air Canada's international services

Air Canada's international onboard services showcase some of Canada's best culinary talent through Air Canada's panel of celebrated chefs, comprising award-winning, Vancouver-based chefs David Hawksworth and Vikram Vij, and renowned Montreal chef Jérôme Ferrer. Complementing the culinary journey is a selection of top wines chosen by leading Canadian sommelier, Véronique Rivest.

Travelling internationally?

Visit Air Canada's [Travel Ready Hub](#) for the latest government entry requirements. Customers are responsible for ensuring they meet all government entry requirements, including holding the correct travel documents, visas, any required health certificates, and all other eligibility requirements for any flights they purchase. **New for 2024**, Canadians travelling to Europe will need to [register with ETIAS](#) to enter the Schengen Area, Cyprus, Bulgaria and Romania without a visa. Government requirements may change with little notice.

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