

## Air Canada to launch non-stop service to Athens and Barcelona from Montréal and Toronto

MONTREAL, Aug. 28 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada today announced that it will introduce Montréal-Athens and Montréal-Barcelona as well as Toronto-Athens and Toronto-Barcelona non-stop seasonal services between June 3 and October 18, 2010 in time for planning vacations next summer.

"Air Canada's new non-stop summer services to Athens and Barcelona from both Montréal and Toronto will offer customers even more convenient options for planning vacations and visiting friends and relatives on both sides of the Atlantic," said Ben Smith, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer. "Both Barcelona and Athens are important ports of call for cruise lines, and also provide convenient connections for flights to other popular destinations throughout Greece and Spain. With these additions to our 2010 summer schedule, we are continuing to strategically deploy capacity to meet seasonal demand."

Air Canada flights will be operated using 244-seat Boeing 767-300ER aircraft providing best-value all-economy service for leisure travellers, with the option of enhanced seating comfort and legroom in the forward cabin.

### Athens service

Air Canada's non-stop flights to Athens will be timed to offer travellers convenient connections to the carrier's extensive North America network via its Montréal and Toronto hubs to and from: Ottawa, Québec City, Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston and New York. In Athens, connecting flights will be available with its future Star Alliance partner Aegean Airlines to/from Thessaloniki and several Greek Islands including Mykonos, Heraklion and Rhodes.

Air Canada Vacations holiday packages will be available directly from Air Canada Vacations at [aircanadavacations.com](http://aircanadavacations.com) or by contacting travel agents in Canada.

Flights will be operated six days a week, subject to government approval:

three times a week from Montréal and three times a week from Toronto.-----

Flight	Depart Montréal	Arrive Athens
	Monday-Thursday-Saturday	

AC828	18:25	10:40 (+1)
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Flight	Depart Athens	Arrive Montréal
	Monday-Thursday-Saturday	

AC829	12:15	15:30
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Flight	Depart Toronto	Arrive Athens
	Wednesday-Friday-Sunday	

AC826	17:50	10:40 (+1)
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Flight	Depart Athens	Arrive Toronto
	Tuesday-Friday-Sunday	

AC827	12:15	16:10
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### -----Barcelona service

Air Canada's non-stop flights to Barcelona will be timed to offer travellers convenient connections to the carrier's extensive North America network via its Montréal and Toronto hubs to and from: Ottawa, Québec City, Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston and New York. In Barcelona, connecting flights will be available with its Star Alliance partner Spanair to/from Palma de Mallorca, Ibiza, Alicante, Malaga and Sevilla.

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Flight	Depart Montréal	Arrive Barcelona
	Wednesday-Friday-Sunday	

AC816	18:45	08:05 (+1)
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Flight	Depart Barcelona	Arrive Montréal
	Wednesday-Friday-Sunday	

AC817	11:45	14:00
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Flight	Depart Toronto	Arrive Barcelona
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Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday

AC814	18:15	08:05(+1)
Flight	Depart Barcelona	Arrive Toronto
Monday-Thursday-Saturday		
AC815	11:45	14:40

Montréal-based Air Canada provides scheduled and charter air

transportation for passengers and cargo to more than 170 destinations on five continents. Canada's flag carrier is the 13th largest commercial airline in the world and serves 33 million customers annually. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, providing the world's most comprehensive air transportation network for Canadian domestic, transborder and international travel. As well, customers can collect Aeroplan miles for future rewards through Canada's leading loyalty program.

In 2008, the readers of Business Traveler magazine voted Air Canada "Best In-Flight Services in North America," "Best Airline for Business Class Service in North America" and "Best North American Airline for International Travel."

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