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Air Canada and Air Canada Vacations bring more holiday sun to Canadians this winter; over 560 flights each week from Canada to more destinations

MONTREAL, Aug. 18 /CNW Telbec/ - This winter, Air Canada and Air Canada Vacations will boost capacity with more seats each week to an expanded choice of 49 popular holiday sun destinations. New destinations to choose from this coming winter include Fort de France, Martinique and La Romana, Dominican Republic. Air Canada is also launching the only non-stop flights from Calgary to Honolulu and Maui, and adding 20 more non-stop flights each week to holiday sun destinations including nine additional flights to the Caribbean and Mexico. All-inclusive holiday packages are also available for purchase, directly from Air Canada Vacations at aircanadavacations.com or by contacting travel agents in Canada.

"Our upcoming winter sun schedule offers Canadians a wide choice of popular holiday destinations to escape the winter cold," said Ben Smith, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer. "Air Canada continues to offer the largest choice of non-stop flights of any carrier between Canada and 49 holiday sun destinations, with up to 157 flights from Canada to Florida, 56 flights to Mexico, 125 flights to the Caribbean, and 169 flights to California and Hawaii each week. With our 2009-2010 schedule, we are continuing to strategically deploy capacity to meet seasonal demand."

Highlights of new and expanded Air Canada services to holiday sun destinations this coming winter include:

Calgary-Hawaii - The only non-stop flights begin weekly to both Honolulu and Maui on December 5, with flights increasing to twice weekly to Honolulu, and three times weekly to Maui in mid-December until the end of April. All flights are operated onboard Boeing 767-300ER aircraft.

Toronto-La Romana, Dominican Republic - New destination with Air Canada flights departing every Saturday beginning December 19 onboard 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

Toronto-Varadero, Cuba - Increase to five times weekly, departing Mondays, Thursday, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays onboard 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

Montreal-Fort de France, Martinique - New Air Canada flights launched in July will continue year-round, departing every Sunday onboard 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

Montreal-Fort Myers, Florida - New Air Canada flights will depart Sundays beginning December 6 onboard 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

Montreal-Samana/El Catey, Dominican Republic - New Air Canada flights will depart Saturdays beginning December 19 onboard 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

Montreal-Puerto Vallarta, Mexico - New Air Canada flights will depart Fridays beginning December 25 onboard 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

Montreal-Tampa, Florida - Weekly flights doubled with flights departing Thursdays and Saturdays beginning November 7 onboard 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

Montreal-Punta Cana, Dominican Republic - Increase to four times weekly, departing Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays onboard 140-seat Airbus A320 aircraft.

Ottawa-Turks & Caicos - New Air Canada flights will depart Mondays beginning December 21 onboard 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

Ottawa-Fort Lauderdale - Increase to daily flights beginning December 19 onboard 93-seat Embraer E-190 aircraft.

Halifax-Samana/El Catey, Dominican Republic - New Air Canada flights will depart Thursdays beginning February 11 onboard 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

Halifax-Tampa, Florida - New Air Canada flights will depart Mondays beginning February 8 onboard 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft.

Vancouver-Varadero, Cuba - New Air Canada flights will depart Fridays beginning December 25 onboard Boeing 767-300ER aircraft.

Air Canada operates the most flights of any carrier between Canada and sun destinations with up to 564 scheduled non-stop flights per week from Canada serving 49 destinations in Florida, Hawaii, California, Nevada, Arizona, the Caribbean, Mexico, Venezuela and Costa Rica including: Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Miami, Orlando, Sarasota, Tampa, West Palm Beach; Honolulu, Kona, Maui; San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego; Las Vegas,

Phoenix; Antigua, Aruba, Barbados, Bermuda, Grand Cayman, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Kingston, Montego Bay, Nassau, La Romana, Puerto Plata, Punta Cana, Samana, St-Maarten, San Juan, St-Lucia, Turks & Caicos; Cayo Coco, Cayo Largo, Havana, Holguin, Santa Clara, Varadero; Mexico City, Cancun, Cozumel, Ixtapa, Puerto Vallarta, Los Cabos; Caracas; San José and Fort de France. In addition, Air Canada Vacations, one of Canada's leading tour operators, offers vacation packages including air transportation, hotel accommodation, car rentals and cruises, to more than 100 destinations.

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.

Air Canada Vacations is a leading holiday provider with over 25 years experience delivering leisure and cruise packages as well as excursions and tours to more and more Canadians every year. Packages include a combination of roundtrip airfare aboard Air Canada, quality hotel accommodations, Aeroplan Miles and more.

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