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Air Canada inaugurates the only daily, non-stop service between Calgary and Portland, OR

CALGARY, June 15 /CNW Telbec/ - Today's departure of Air Canada flight AC 8315 marks the launch of the only daily, non-stop service between Calgary and Portland, OR. Fares currently start as low as CAD \$139 one way, before taxes and other fees, and are available for sale at aircanada.com.

"Air Canada is pleased to launch our newest transborder flights linking Calgary and Portland with daily non-stop service," said Marcel Forget, Vice President, Network Planning, Air Canada. "We expect our new Portland service to be popular with business travellers as well as both Canadian and American vacationers looking to enjoy the year-round outdoor adventures offered in Alberta and in Oregon. In addition, our Calgary-Portland flights have been timed for convenient connections to and from other points in our network including Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Edmonton and Winnipeg."

Air Canada flight AC8315 departs Calgary at 13:00, arriving in Portland at 13:37. Air Canada flight AC8316 departs Portland at 14:10 and arrives back in Calgary at 16:45. Flights are operated by Air Canada Jazz with 50-seat CRJ aircraft. This new service complements the carrier's four daily Vancouver-Portland flights.

Air Canada recently introduced three new non-stop services from Calgary. Daily flights to San Diego CA launched on May 15, 2009, and daily non-stop flights to Whitehorse YT and London ON both began on June 1, 2009.

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 awards 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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