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## Air Canada to launch only daily Vancouver-Paris service

Only business class with lie flat suites between Vancouver and France

VANCOUVER, March 26 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada today announced that it will launch the only daily service between Vancouver and Paris to meet seasonal travel demand. Between July 1, 2009, and September 29, 2009, the carrier will operate daily one-stop same plane flights linking Vancouver with the French capital during the busy summer season.

This service complements Air Canada's daily non-stop services between Toronto-Paris, and Montréal-Paris using brand new 349-seat Boeing 777-30ER aircraft. In addition, effective June 1, 2009, Air Canada is introducing new Montréal-Geneva service also providing easy access to a number of popular destinations in France served by train such as nearby Lyon, Annecy, Dijon and Grenoble. Geneva flights are timed to offer Vancouver customers easy and convenient connections in Montréal.

"We are delighted to offer Vancouver and Western Canada the only daily service to Paris La ville lumière," said Claude Morin, Air Canada's Vice President, Sales, in Vancouver with French and tourism officials to launch the new service. "Air Canada knows that Europe is a timeless destination and one visit is never enough. So we are making it even easier and more affordable than ever to plan multiple trips from Canada to Europe through the summer and the entire year with the recent addition of the economical 'Europe Pass' to our Flight Pass family at [aircanada.com](http://aircanada.com)."

"We are thrilled to partner with Air Canada on the launch today in Vancouver of this new air service that will bring France closer to Western Canada than ever before, said Caroline Putnoki, Director in Canada of Maison de la France. "Canadians can make their dream trip to France a reality this summer."

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AC 884 0850 departs 1634 arrives 1810 departs 0705 + 1 arrives  
Vancouver Montréal Montréal Paris

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AC 885 1130 departs 1315 arrives 1430 departs 1659 arrives  
Paris Montréal Montréal Vancouver

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Air Canada will operate the new daily Vancouver-Paris service using newly refurbished 211-seat Boeing 767-300 ER aircraft offering a choice of Economy Class and Executive First service featuring 24 lay flat bed suites. Further details and a virtual tour of Air Canada's new cabin amenities including personal seatback entertainment are available at:  
<http://www.aircanada.com/en/travelinfo/onboard/cabincomfort.html>

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 14th 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. Air Canada aircraft offer customers individualized seatback in-flight entertainment systems with hundreds of hours of digital audio-visual entertainment. 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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