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Air Canada expands Calgary service with new daily flights to San Diego, CA; London, ON; Whitehorse, YK; and Portland, OR

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CALGARY, Feb. 3 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada today announced the introduction of four new non-stop routes from Calgary. Starting May 15, 2009, Air Canada will offer the only daily non-stop service to San Diego, California. On June 1, daily non-stop flights to London, Ontario, and seasonal service to Whitehorse, Yukon will be launched, and on June 15, new non-stop flights from Calgary to Portland, Oregon will begin. In addition, all Air Canada-operated flights to Europe now feature the airline's new cabin interiors with lie-flat bed suites in Executive First, and personal seatback entertainment at every seat throughout the aircraft.

"We are delighted to offer Calgarians the convenience of the only daily non-stop services to San Diego, Portland and Whitehorse, as well as new non-stop flights to London, ON," said Daniel Shurz, Vice President, Network Planning. "We know our customers appreciate the choice and convenience of more non-stop flights and, with the introduction of these new routes, the airline continues to offer the most extensive route network from Calgary of any airline. With these new routes, Air Canada will now offer non-stop service from Calgary to 34 cities, including nine in the United States. Our focus remains on strategic growth that meets travellers' needs by offering the best schedules, the most choice and the lowest fares on an everyday basis."

"YYC is clearly Alberta's premier international passenger and cargo gateway," said Stephan Poirier, Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer for The Calgary Airport Authority. "Air Canada's choice to expand its extensive Calgary network with new non-stop destinations, and the addition of the B-777 aircraft on the Calgary-London Heathrow route, reflects the essential role Calgary plays in the Western Canada travel network."

San Diego: AC8307 departs Calgary at 12:55, arriving in San Diego at 15:00. AC8308 departs San Diego at 11:55, arriving back in Calgary at 16:05. Flights will be operated by Air Canada Jazz onboard 75-seat CRJ-705 aircraft offering a choice of Executive or Economy Class service, and are timed for convenient connections in Calgary to and from Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg and Toronto.

London, ON: AC1146 departs Calgary at 18:05, arriving in London at 23:45. AC1147 departs London at 07:30, arriving back in Calgary at 09:40. Flights will be operated onboard 93-seat Air Canada Embraer 190 aircraft offering a choice of Executive or Economy Class service, and are timed to offer convenient connections in Calgary to and from key cities in Western Canada.

Whitehorse: AC8231 departs Calgary at 11:15, arriving in Whitehorse at 13:00. AC8232 departs Whitehorse at 13:35 arriving back in Calgary at 17:15. Flights will be operated by Air Canada Jazz onboard 75-seat CRJ-705 aircraft offering a choice of Executive or Economy Class service. Flights are timed to offer convenient connections to and from Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

Portland: AC8315 departs Calgary at 13:00, arriving in Portland at 13:37. AC 8316 departs Portland at 14:10, arriving back in Calgary at 16:45. Flights will be operated by Air Canada Jazz onboard 50-seat CRJ jet aircraft, and are timed for convenient connections in Calgary to and from Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

The Embraer 190 and CRJ-705 aircraft feature free personal audio-video entertainment at every seat with a choice of 24 movies and 100 hours of TV programming. Further details and a virtual tour of Air Canada's new cabin amenities, including personal seatback entertainment at every seat, are available at:

<http://www.aircanada.com/en/travelinfo/onboard/cabincomfort.html>.

Montreal-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 34 million customers annually. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, providing the world's most comprehensive air transportation network.

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