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Air Canada adds new U.S.-Canada non-stop flights; New routes from Washington D.C., Austin, Richmond and Chicago

MONTREAL, Jan. 25 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada today announced it is further expanding its extensive transborder U.S. network with the introduction in May 2008 of four new non-stop routes between the United States and Canada: Washington National-Ottawa, Austin-Toronto, Richmond-Toronto and Chicago-Calgary. With the addition of these new non-stop services, Air Canada and its regional affiliate Jazz will operate more than 440 non-stop flights per day on 92 routes between 55 U.S. and seven Canadian destinations.

"With the introduction of these four new non-stop routes serving the United States, Air Canada continues to expand the most extensive transborder route network of any airline," said Daniel Shurz, Vice President, Network Planning. "Whether offering the fastest routing between national capitals or direct access from Chicago to Alberta's booming oil economy, Air Canada continues to expand non-stop services that offer customers more choice and better value. In addition, both new non-stop routes from Austin and Richmond to our main Toronto hub offer convenient access, not just to flights across Canada, but also to and from Europe using brand new connection facilities, all under one roof."

Air Canada will introduce the following new non-stop services:- Washington D.C. (Reagan National)-Ottawa - starting May 1, 2008, twice daily, year-round non-stop service between Ottawa and Washington's Reagan National Airport. Operated by Air Canada's regional affiliate Jazz using 50-seat Bombardier regional jet aircraft, this will be the fastest way between downtown Washington D.C. and Canada's capital city. Flights will depart Washington D.C. at 9:00 a.m. and 8:15 p.m.; flights depart Ottawa at 6:50 a.m. and 6:10 p.m.

- Austin, TX-Toronto - starting May 1, 2008, daily, year-round non-stop service using a 75-seat Bombardier CRJ-705 Jazz regional jet aircraft, featuring both Executive and Economy class and personal audio-video entertainment at every seat. This will be the only daily, non-stop service between the two cities and further expands Air Canada's position as the leading carrier serving the most destinations in Texas to Canada. AC8114 will depart Austin at 4:15p.m. and arrive in Toronto at 8:25p.m.; with the return flight AC8115 departing Toronto at 1:20 p.m. and arriving in Austin at 3:40p.m. Flights are timed to provide convenient connections in Toronto to and from Ottawa and Montreal, as well as London Heathrow.

- Richmond, VA-Toronto - starting May 1, 2008, twice daily, year-round non-stop service using a 37-seat, Jazz Dash 8 aircraft. This will be the only non-stop service between the two cities and the only international route out of Richmond. Flights will depart Richmond at 11:10 a.m. and 7:25 p.m.; and depart Toronto at 8:40am and 4:50 p.m. Flights are timed to provide convenient connections in Toronto to and from cities across Canada, as well as London Heathrow, Frankfurt and Zurich.

- Chicago, IL-Calgary - starting May 15, 2008, daily, year-round non-stop service using a 93-seat Air Canada Embraer E190 aircraft. Featuring Executive and Economy Class, it is the only flight on this route offering a personal on-demand audio-video entertainment system at every seat. AC581 will depart Chicago at 1:15 p.m. and arrive in Calgary at 3:57 p.m.; with the return flight AC580 departing Calgary at 8:30 a.m. and arriving in Chicago at 12:48 p.m. This new service offers convenient connections to destinations in Alberta and British Columbia.

Since January 2007, Air Canada flights between the United States and Toronto have been consolidated under one roof at Pearson International Airport's expanded Terminal One, providing more convenient connections between the carrier's domestic Canada, U.S. transborder and international flights. The brand new facilities provide streamlined connection processes that move passengers smoothly between Canada and U.S. Customs and Immigration. In addition, Air Canada has opened two new Maple Leaf Lounges for eligible customers traveling to the United States and overseas destinations. The two new lounges feature bars and bistros, business and entertainment centres, showers, quiet spaces for relaxation and striking contemporary design elements.

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 more than 34 million customers annually with a fleet consisting of more than 340 aircraft. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, providing the world's most comprehensive air transportation network.

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