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Air Canada increases Ottawa service on Canadian and seasonal sun routes as part of Eastern Canadian expansion this winter

MONTREAL, Aug. 22 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada announced today that it is offering Ottawa and Eastern Canadian residents more choice this winter, including non-stop service to six new Canadian and leisure sun destinations from Canada's capital.

"Air Canada is responding to market demand with the addition of non-stop service to six new destinations for Ottawa, plus 36 additional weekly frequencies on existing routes to and from the nation's capital this winter. We are increasing our departing capacity from Ottawa by ten per cent above last year's level, which translates into more than 3,500 additional seats per week during the winter season. Moreover, we are improving service to and from Eastern Canada and throughout our network to ensure Air Canada remains the preferred carrier of Canadians," said Daniel Shurz, Vice President, Network Planning. "The increase in trans-continental, transborder and sun destination flying will further enhance our already extensive Eastern Canadian network and provide convenience, choice and better connections for residents of Eastern Canada." Ottawa Highlights:

- Effective October 28, Air Canada will add new, year-round, non-stop service to Fredericton using a 37-seat Dash 8-100 aircraft. Flights will operate every business day, departing Ottawa at 18:45, arriving in Fredericton at 21:42. Return flights from Fredericton will depart at 06:40, arriving in Ottawa at 07:55.
- Starting October 28, new daily non-stop services to Moncton with 50-seat CRJ aircraft, departing Ottawa at 19:25, arriving Moncton 22:05. Return flights will depart Moncton at 07:00, arriving in Ottawa at 07:55
- Also starting October 28, Air Canada will introduce daily 93-seat, Embraer E190 non-stop service between Ottawa and St. John's, Newfoundland. Flights will depart Ottawa at 18:55 arriving St. John's at 23:10, and return flights will leave St. John's at 06:00 arriving in Ottawa at 07:45. These new flights will provide same plane, through-service between St. John's and Calgary.
- Two new winter non-stop sun flights from Ottawa have been added to Cancun and Montego Bay through Air Canada Vacations, each with Saturday service aboard Embraer E190 aircraft starting December 22.
- Twice weekly Ottawa to Las Vegas service launched this summer will be continued through the winter, and frequencies will be added between Ottawa and Vancouver (3 daily non-stop flights), Calgary (3 daily non-stop flights), Edmonton (2 daily non-stop flights), London, Ontario (2 daily non-stop flights) and Boston (4 daily non-stop flights) for the winter period. Montreal Highlights:

Air Canada will add two new sun destinations from Montreal through Air Canada Vacations this winter, with Thursday non-stop service to the Turks and Caicos beginning December 20 and Sunday non-stops to Santa Clara, Cuba, starting December 23. In addition, Air Canada will continue daily Boeing 777 service to Paris, featuring our new Executive First product with the only truly lie-flat beds offered by a North American carrier in business class and personal video systems throughout the aircraft. Finally, Air Canada will also increase frequencies at peak periods between Montreal and Montego Bay (two non-stop, weekly flights), Orlando (10 non-stop, weekly flights), and Quebec City (17 daily flights).

Maritime Highlights:

In the Maritimes, Air Canada will commence daily non-stop services from St. John's, Newfoundland, and Moncton to Ottawa, and new non-stop service every business day from Fredericton to Ottawa. There will also be one-stop daily single plane service from St. John's, Newfoundland, to each of Calgary, Edmonton and Fort McMurray. Service between Halifax and Gander will be upgraded to operate twice daily using 50-seat, CRJ aircraft. Summer services that will continue through the winter include Toronto to Deer Lake and Charlottetown, Halifax to New York/La Guardia, and St. John's to Deer Lake. Air Canada will also continue to evaluate opportunities for future expansion in Saint John, N.B.

About Air Canada:

Air Canada was recognized in 2007 by the editors of Air Transport World as the airline industry leader in market innovation, specifically Air Canada's success in implementing an innovative and transparent pricing structure, its effectiveness in using online technology to meet consumers' needs and its fleet-wide renewal with a consistent, market-leading onboard product among North American airlines. In 2007, Air Canada was also ranked "Best Airline in North America" for the second time in three years in an independent passenger

survey of 14 million air travellers conducted by Skytrax.

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 32 million customers annually with a fleet consisting of 335 aircraft. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, providing the world's most comprehensive air transportation network.

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