

Air Canada inaugurates non-stop seasonal service between **Montreal and Rome**

MONTREAL, June 1 /CNW Telbec/ - The departure today of Air Canada flight AC 892 marks the launch of non-stop seasonal summer service between Montreal and Rome. The carrier will operate daily non-stop flights linking Canada's second largest city, and its extensive Quebec and Atlantic Canada network, with the Italian capital. Air Canada offers connecting flights via Rome to popular destinations in Italy operated by Air One, a Lufthansa partner

"The reintroduction of non-stop Air Canada flights between Montreal and Rome is great news for Montrealers and consumers in eastern Canada who will benefit from substantial time savings during the peak travel season to Italy, said Daniel Shurz, Vice President, Network Planning. "We look forward to offering this additional non-stop service to Europe from Montreal, which complements our year-round Toronto-Rome non-stop flights. Rome is our fifth European destination with non-stop service from Montreal, joining London, Paris. Frankfurt and Munich."

"This new direct itinerary, without connections, will certainly be well appreciated by the business communities in Quebec and Italy. The increase of economic, commercial and cultural exchanges between both territories is certainly one of the major reasons why Air Canada took this strategic decision. This is excellent news for both Quebec and Italy," confirms Mr. Emanuele Triassi, chairman of the Board of the Italian Chamber of Commerce

"This daily flight to Rome is a major addition to our air services at Montréal-Trudeau," said Aéroports de Montréal President and Chief Executive Officer James C. Cherry. "Let's hope the Montréal community will enthusiastically embrace this new direct, non-stop service.'

Air Canada's Montreal-Rome non-stop service will be operated using 207-seat Boeing 767-200 ER aircraft. With an eastbound flight time of eight hours, travellers will save more than two hours off alternate routings via Toronto or Frankfurt.Montreal Rome Rome

AC892 17:40 07:40 (+1) AC893 09:10 12:05Montréal-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 32 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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