

## News Release

### **Air Canada Introduces Montreal–Tokyo Non-stop Flights** *First scheduled service between Montreal and Japan*

MONTREAL, August 23, 2017 – Air Canada announced today the introduction of a new service between Montreal and Tokyo Narita starting June 1, 2018. Flights will operate year-round, with daily service during summer peak travel and three times a week during the winter, with Air Canada's flagship aircraft, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. Air Canada's new transpacific service from its Montreal hub is designed to optimize connectivity to several Canadian and U.S. cities: Quebec City, Ottawa, Halifax, Charlottetown, Boston, Philadelphia and Orlando.

Special introductory fares start as low as \$999 round-trip, all in, and tickets are now available for purchase at [aircanada.com](http://aircanada.com) or through travel agents.

"Air Canada is continuing its global expansion by strategically building its Montreal hub, and we are thrilled to announce the launch of non-stop flights to Tokyo, Montreal's first scheduled link to Japan. The new flights will offer travelers from Atlantic Canada and the Northeastern U.S. convenient access to Japan and beyond, complementing our existing Tokyo flights from Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary, while also strategically positioning Air Canada as a leader in the growing Montreal–Asia market," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer, Air Canada. "This new transpacific service further reflects Air Canada's ongoing international growth strategy from Montreal, following the recent introduction of non-stop flights to Shanghai, Lima, North Africa and Europe. In addition, it enables Montreal to derive significant direct benefits including the creation of close to 130 Air Canada flight attendant, pilot and airport positions."

"This direct flight between two international cities, Tokyo and Montreal, shows that Montreal is once again a major player in Canadian and North American aviation. After Shanghai and Tel Aviv, this new flight to Japan's capital reflects a major investment by Air Canada that will generate significant economic and tourism benefits for our city," said Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre.

"Great news for our business community and for Quebec's economy and tourism. This route will facilitate growth of Quebec businesses as well as further trade with Japan and other Asian countries. Moreover, introducing non-stop flights attracts foreign companies, which in turn contribute to Quebec's economic prosperity," said Lise Thériault, Deputy Premier and Minister responsible for SMEs, Regulatory Streamlining and Regional Economic Development.

"We are pleased with this new first for Montrealers," said Philippe Rainville, President and Chief Executive Officer of Aéroports de Montreal. "The addition of Tokyo to our air service, on top of Tel Aviv, Algiers and Shanghai, among others, certainly reinforces Montreal-Trudeau's status as an



international hub. This new non-stop flight illustrates once again Air Canada's desire to use Montreal as a strategic platform. This city-pair with Japan also greatly enhances our service for the Montreal community, since Tokyo Narita offers connections to all Japanese cities and to many destinations in Southeast Asia, the Far East and Oceania," he added.

"Among our international development priorities, Japan is a market with significant potential, as our colleagues recently confirmed at the national level. This direct route between Montreal and Tokyo confirms our intention to move forward to further promote Quebec's original tourism offer in Asia. Congratulations to Air Canada on this initiative," said Martin Soucy, President and CEO of the Alliance de l'industrie touristique du Québec.

"Tourisme Montréal wanted to be a partner in this new Montreal–Tokyo service because it allows Montreal to further its international influence. This important addition builds on the new flights between China and Montreal operating during the last two years. We believe that the impact on Montreal tourism will be highly strategic and showcase Montreal's vitality, while giving us access to Japan and other Asian and oceanic destinations. I would like to congratulate Air Canada for its dynamism and its major contribution to the future of Montreal and Quebec tourism," stated Yves Lalumière, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tourisme Montréal.

Air Canada's Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft feature three cabins of service offering comfortable ergonomic seating and enhanced definition intuitive touch personal entertainment screens. Air Canada's International Business Class cabin has 180-degree lie-flat seats in configuration guaranteeing direct aisle access. The Premium Economy cabin offers more generous personal space, wider seats, greater legroom and recline, premium meals, complimentary bar service, priority check-in and baggage delivery at the airport. The Economy cabin has slimline seats providing comfortable personal space and state-of-the-art individual on-demand entertainment system.

All flights provide for Aeroplan accumulation and redemption, Star Alliance reciprocal benefits and, for eligible customers, priority check-in, Maple Leaf Lounge access at the Montreal hub, priority boarding and other benefits.

<b>Flight #</b>	<b>Depart</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Time</b>
AC005	Montreal (YUL)	14:05	Tokyo Narita (NRT)	15:50+1
AC006	Tokyo Narita (NRT)	17:30	Montreal (YUL)	16:30

So far in 2017, Air Canada has launched seven new services from its Montreal hub to: Shanghai (China), Marseille (France), Dallas/Ft. Worth and Washington/Dulles (U.S.), Reykjavik (Iceland), Tel Aviv (Israel) and Algiers (Algeria) with an eighth new route to Lima (Peru) beginning in December 2017.

Air Canada operates more non-stop flights between Canada and Japan than any other carrier with up to 46 non-stop return flights between Canada and Japan per week. Complimenting the new service between Montreal–Tokyo Narita, Air Canada operates flights up to seven times a week flights between Vancouver–Tokyo Narita; double daily flights between Toronto and Tokyo Haneda and Tokyo Narita; flights up to seven times a week between Calgary–Tokyo Narita. Air

Canada also offers summer seasonal service to Osaka's Kansai International Airport daily up to seven times per week and Chubu Centrair International Airport in Nagoya up to four times per week with Air Canada Rouge.

### **About Air Canada**

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