

Air Canada Expands its Presence in North Carolina with a New Route and Enhanced Services to Raleigh and Charlotte

New Montreal-Raleigh route, Toronto services upgraded with Business Class

MONTREAL, Oct. 24, 2018 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada announced today it will enhance services to North Carolina beginning next spring, including with the launch of a new, non-stop daily flight between Montreal and Raleigh. The airline will also deploy larger aircraft on flights between Toronto and Raleigh and Charlotte to increase capacity on these routes and introduce Business Class service.

"Air Canada is pleased to expand its services to North Carolina with a new route from Montreal and larger aircraft operating out of Toronto. The new Montreal-Raleigh service will be the only non-stop flight between these cities, while customers travelling between Toronto and Raleigh and Charlotte will now have the option of Business Class, offering an upgraded flying experience. While always a popular leisure destination, North Carolina is also experiencing strong economic growth and Air Canada is making it more convenient and comfortable for customers to travel between Canada and the state," said Mark Galardo, Vice President, Network Planning, at Air Canada.



"We're very excited that Air Canada is continuing to invest in Raleigh-Durham International Airport and our region with service to Montreal, our seventh nonstop international destination. This is one of our top unserved international markets, providing travelers with exciting new opportunities and access to Air Canada's global network," said Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority President and Chief Executive Officer Michael Landguth.

New Montreal-Raleigh daily, non-stop service begins June 3, 2019 using a 50-seat Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ). From Toronto, starting May 1, 2019, three-times daily flights to Raleigh and twice-daily service to Charlotte will be upgraded to a 76-seat, Embraer E175 from a CRJ. All flights are timed to connect with Air Canada's global network through its Toronto and Montreal hubs, and provide for Aeroplan accumulation and redemption, Star Alliance reciprocal benefits, and, for eligible customers, priority check-in, Maple Leaf Lounge access at mainline airports, priority boarding and other benefits.

Flight	Departs	Arrives	Flight	Departs	Arrives
AC7691	Toronto 8:20	Raleigh 10:08	AC7692	Raleigh 06:00	Toronto 07:56
AC7693	Toronto 16:05	Raleigh 17:53	AC7694	Raleigh 10:45	Toronto 12:41
AC7695	Toronto 20:55	Raleigh 22:43	AC7696	Raleigh 18:30	Toronto 20:26
AC7582	Toronto 09:05	Charlotte 11:04	AC7583	Charlotte 11:40	Toronto 13:38
AC7584	Toronto 16:00	Charlotte 17:59	AC7585	Charlotte 18:35	Toronto 20:33
AC8178	Montreal 13:35	Raleigh 15:45	AC8179	Raleigh 16:15	Montreal 18:20

About Air Canada

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving more than 220 airports on six continents. Canada's flag carrier is among the 20 largest airlines in the world and in 2017 served more than 48 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 64 airports in Canada, 59 in the United States and 98 in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network serving 1,317 airports in 193 countries. Air Canada is the only international network carrier in North America to receive a Four-Star ranking according to independent U.K. research firm Skytrax, which also named Air Canada the 2017 Best Airline in North America. Air Canada was also named the 2018 Eco-Airline of the Year by the respected airline industry publication *Air Transport World* in its 44th Annual Airline Industry Achievement Awards for its commitment to emissions reductions through supporting the development of alternative fuels, its numerous green programs and partnerships, and being the first airline worldwide to voluntarily join the World Bank's IMF Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition. For more information, please visit: aircanada.com/media, follow @AirCanada on Twitter and join Air Canada on Facebook.

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