

## **News Release**

# Ciao, Canada! - Air Canada takes-off with new Naples to Montréal route

- The new direct service departed Naples for the first time on 17 May
- This marks the only connection between Naples and Canada

**Naples, 17 May 2025** - Air Canada, Canada's largest airline and flag carrier, has launched its bumper summer schedule, including a new route between Naples and Montréal - the only direct connection between Naples and Canada.

The global airline touched down in Naples, Italy, for the first time on 17 May, before departing for its home hub, Montréal, later that same day.

The new international service, complementing existing flights from Rome, Milan and Venice, aims to offer customers easy access to Canada and beyond, while also bringing tourists and business travellers alike into the region.

Situated on Italy's west coast, Naples' prime position offers customers easy access across the Atlantic, with the new service aimed at Italian travellers wanting to escape the summer heat and Canadian travellers looking to experience an Italian summer.

The new route also marks a significant milestone in increasing connectivity to the U.S., with flights timed to allow seamless connections, via Montréal, onto Air Canada services to cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Boston and San Francisco. As one of the fastest growing source markets for Italian tourism, the service aims to bolster ties between the two nations, with travellers able to preclear U.S. customers while transiting in Montréal.

Flights on this new summer seasonal route will operate four times per week, departing Naples each Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday morning, arriving into Quebec in just over nine hours\*.

On the return, flights depart Montréal each Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evening, before arriving into Naples the following morning.



Customers looking to cross the Atlantic in style can benefit from this new service until October, with flights operated by the airline's fleet of Boeing 787 Dreamliners offering a choice of either Signature Class, Premium Economy or Economy.

Stefano Casaregola, Air Canada's General Manager for Italy, said: "Air Canada's new Naples to Montréal route launched successfully over the weekend, offering Italian customers another connection across the Atlantic.

"As the leading airline between Europe and Canada, we are continuing to signal our commitment to the Italian market by opening up further opportunities for tourism and business.

"The new route supports Air Canada's existing operations in Rome, Venice and Milan, and is just in time for Italians to explore Canada's cities, nature and wildlife at their best."

Elissa Golberg, Ambassador of Canada in Italy, said: "I am delighted to celebrate the launch of this new direct flight between Montréal and Naples — two vibrant and historic cities.

"This connection is more than a flight route between two destinations, it represents a gateway to deepen an already strong partnership between Canada and Italy including to further reinforce our collaborations in business, innovation, education, culture, and much more.

"I look forward to seeing how this bridge across the Atlantic will spark ideas, strengthen communities, and bring our peoples even closer together."

Laurence Fouquette-L'Anglais, Quebec Government Representative to Italy, said: "Today, we are celebrating much more than the launch of a new air route.

"We are celebrating the beginning of a new chapter in the relationship between Québec and Campania — their innovative and globally connected ecosystems, and their cultural and gastronomic metropolises: Montréal and Naples.

"A chapter marked by closer collaboration, stronger exchanges, and new opportunities across all sectors."

Roberto Barbieri, CEO of GESAC, said: "The launch of the direct flight Naples–Montréal represents a significant milestone for the Naples airport and for the entire region.

"We are proud to welcome Air Canada to our network, thus strengthening the intercontinental offering of the airport and enhancing connections with North America, a strategic area for tourism, business and cultural relations.

"Montreal, a major international hub and city with a strong Italian-Canadian presence, is now even closer, consolidating the role of Naples as a privileged gateway to Southern Italy."

Those looking to make the most of this milestone can book return flights from Naples from as little as €467 in Economy, including taxes and charges, with live prices available here.



Known for its blend of European charm and North American attitude, Montréal boasts worldclass history, cultural diversity, culinary riches and artistic creativity.

Situated in the French speaking province of Quebec, Montréal is Canada's second largest city, offering travellers a wealth of leading attractions. Visitors can explore landmarks such as the Notre-Dame Basilica, walk along the historic Old Port, and savour the city's world-famous bagels and poutine.

The metropolis is also home to the Montreal Jazz Festival and Just For Laughs comedy festivals, the largest of their kind globally, while the city is also perfect for those seeking the need for speed, thanks to the annual Canadian Grand Prix, held on 15 June this year.

This summer, Air Canada will offer up to 39 weekly flights from Italy to Canada, including routes from Rome, Venice and Milan, in addition to the new Naples to Montréal service.

Alongside smooth connections to a wide range of cities across Canada, the airline's global network offers customers convenient options to connect via Canada to destinations in the US, Caribbean, South America and Mexico.

Those flying through Air Canada's hubs to the U.S. also benefit from US customs preclearance, allowing travellers to pre-clear all US immigration and customs formalities pre-departure, and therefore arrive in the US as a domestic passenger.

For more information on Air Canada and its global network, visit <a href="www.aircanada.com">www.aircanada.com</a>

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#### Notes to editors:

\*Air Canada's Naples to Montreal schedule:

Flight	From	То	Departs	Arrives	Days of operation
AC883	Naples (NAP)	Montréal-Trudeau	11:35	14:45	Wednesday,
	, ,	(YUL)			Thursday, Saturday,
					Sunday
AC882	Montréal-	Naples (NAP)	19:35	09:40	Tuesday, Wednesday,
	Trudeau (YUL)	, , ,		(+1	Friday Saturday
	, ,			DAY)	

<sup>\*\*</sup>prices correct as of today and subject to change

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#### **About Air Canada**

Air Canada is Canada's largest airline, the country's flag carrier and a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network. Air Canada provides scheduled service directly to more than 180 airports in Canada, the United States and Internationally on six continents. It holds a Four-Star ranking from Skytrax. Air Canada's Aeroplan program is Canada's premier travel loyalty program, where members can earn or redeem points on the world's largest airline partner network of 45 airlines, plus through an extensive range of merchandise, hotel and car rental partners. Through Air Canada Vacations, it offers more travel choices than any other Canadian tour operator to hundreds of destinations worldwide, with a wide selection of hotels, flights, cruises, day tours, and car rentals. Its freight division, Air Canada Cargo, provides air freight lift and connectivity to hundreds of destinations across six continents using Air Canada's passenger and freighter aircraft. Air Canada's climate-related ambition includes a long-term aspirational goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. For additional information, please see Air Canada's TCFD disclosure. Air Canada shares are publicly traded on the TSX in Canada and the OTCQX in the US.

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