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Air Canada unveils routes for converted freighters

Air Canada and Air Canada Cargo have announced routes for the Boeing 767-300ER freighters scheduled to enter service this fall. Air Canada is converting several of its Boeing 767 aircraft into dedicated freighters. When the first two converted 767 freighters enter service in October, they will fly primarily out of Toronto Pearson International Airport, and will operate on routes linking Toronto to Miami; Quito, Ecuador; Lima, Peru; Mexico City and Guadalajara, the first time Air Canada Cargo will serve this destination. As more freighters enter service in 2022, the carrier plans to add flights to Halifax, St. John's, Madrid and Frankfurt.

Air Canada unveils routes for converted freighters, June 14, 2021, www.insidelogistics.ca

WestJet introduces service to Amsterdam from Calgary

WestJet on June 14, 2021 announced that it is expanding its international network to include one of the world's most connected cities, Amsterdam, Netherlands. As the airline with the most flights from Calgary, the new service from WestJet's hub will operate on the 787 Dreamliner, starting August 5, 2021. "We are committed to putting international investments in place, as leaders of the travel and tourism industry, to support a safe restart to international travel and further Canada's economic recovery," said John Weatherill, WestJet, Chief Commercial Officer. "With flights set to begin later this summer, we look forward to helping connect Canadians to their loved ones in Europe, while continuing to provide affordable options for those who want to visit or reconnect with friends and family across our great country."

WestJet introduces service to Amsterdam from Calgary, June 14, 2021, www.westjet.ca

Air Canada Supports Economic Recovery as the Country's Leading Carrier, Serving 50 Cities Across Canada to Enable Canadians to Conveniently Connect

Air Canada's domestic peak summer schedule beginning at the end of June has been developed to advance the country's economic recovery and support Canada's tourism and hospitality businesses during the important summer period. Three new domestic Canada routes, service to 50 Canadian airports, the re-establishment of select regional routes, and wide-body aircraft featuring Air Canada Signature Class and Premium Economy Class on select transcontinental routes are included. Seats with attractive pricing in all cabins are available for purchase now at aircanada.com, via the Air Canada App, Air Canada's Contact Centres and travel agencies. In brief: 1. Most extensive domestic schedule supports Canada's tourism and hospitality sector; 2. Includes three new routes, re-established routes plus Air Canada Signature Class and Premium Economy Class cabins on select transcontinental routes; and 3. New refund policy gives additional peace of mind.

Air Canada Supports Economic Recovery as the Country's Leading Carrier, Serving 50 Cities Across Canada to Enable Canadians to Conveniently Connect, June 15, 2021, www.aircanada.ca

Government of Canada supporting the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport with new funding

On June 16, 2021, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, along with the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, and the Member of Parliament for Ottawa South, the Honourable David McGuinty, announced new funding to help the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and to support continued air services and important transportation infrastructure projects at the airport. The Government of Canada is providing the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport Authority with \$6.4 million from Transport

Canada's Airport Critical Infrastructure Program for the construction of a light rail transit (LRT) station at the airport. The government also remains committed to working with the Ottawa Airport to ensure this important project is seen through until completion.

Government of Canada supporting the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport with new funding, June 17, 2021, www.tc.gc.ca

Weekly aircraft movements, May 29 to June 4, 2021

Weekly data on aircraft itinerant movements are now available for May 29 to June 4, 2021 on the Statistics Canada website. For the week ending May 29, 2021 total domestic movements were 39,251 compared to 28,849 for the week ending May 22, 2021.

Weekly aircraft movements, May 29 to June 4, 2021, June 16, 2021, www.tc.gc.ca

Air Transat plans flights to nearly 50 destinations this winter as travel set to resume

Air Transat plans to offer flights to nearly 50 cities this winter as Canadians look to resume travelling after the industry came to standstill during the pandemic. The airline says it will fly to destinations in the Caribbean, Mexico, Central and South America, the United States and Europe starting Nov. 1, 2021. "We know that our clients are eager to travel, whether it's to visit loved ones or for a change of scenery," said Annick Guerard, President and CEO of Transat in a statement.

Air Transat plans flights to nearly 50 destinations this winter as travel set to resume, the Globe and Mail, June 16, 2021, www.globeandmail.ca

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U.S. Airlines Narrow Net Loss in 1st Quarter 2021 from 4th Quarter 2020

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines reported a first-quarter 2021 after-tax net loss of \$4.2 billion and a pre-tax operating loss of \$12.7 billion. While these first-quarter losses are the fifth consecutive quarterly losses, the extent of the losses is narrowing. The airlines reduced their losses in the first quarter from the fourth quarter of 2020. The first-quarter after-tax net loss of \$4.2 billion was reduced from the fourth-quarter loss of \$7.0 billion. The first-quarter pre-tax operating loss of \$12.7 billion was increased from the fourth-quarter loss of \$9.7 billion. U.S. airline financial reports are filed quarterly with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). Additional first-quarter 2021 financial results can be found on its website.

U.S. Airlines Narrow Net Loss in 1st Quarter 2021 from 4th Quarter 2020, June 14, 2021, www.bts.gov

Concorde to New York: Article #3 by Jennifer Coutts Clay, CMILT

As we continue to explore the return of commercial supersonic flight, let's review the challenges of Concorde operations.

In principle, reducing travel time between major cities is a boon to passengers, but it is the supersonic boom heard by those who live on the ground that has caused the greatest debate. Even now, concerns remain about noise pollution related to supersonic operations and while the FAA has reopened studies it has not, for now, approved overflight of the continental U.S. In 1970, when it was introduced into commercial service, Europe had welcomed with boundless enthusiasm the giant Boeing B747, but in the US there was no such reciprocal welcome when Concorde commenced operations in 1976. As detailed in the article CONCORDE TO NEW YORK, written by Jennifer Coutts Clay, author of JETLINER CABINS: Evolution and Innovation, for Aircraft Interiors International Magazine in 2017, restrictions on service and delays in approving key routes impacted the economics of Concorde and seriously impeded recovery on investment for airlines.

In some ways, the political and operational challenges of Concorde endure. When supersonic service returns to the skies, will manufacturers and airlines succeed in cutting out the noise and streamlining the politics of speed? To read "Concorde to New York", please [click here](#).