



## **Air Canada Makes Strategic Enhancements on Eastern Canadian Regional Routes for Spring 2019**

- ***Toronto to Fredericton, Moncton, Thunder Bay and Montreal to St. John's flights to be operated with Airbus A319***
- ***Capacity added between Montreal and St. John's and between Calgary and Halifax with larger aircraft***

MONTREAL, Feb. 14, 2019 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada today announced strategic changes to Eastern Canada including upgrading Air Canada Express regional aircraft to larger Air Canada Rouge aircraft with inflight amenities on its flights from Toronto to Fredericton, Moncton and Thunder Bay, and from Montreal to St. John's.

"Air Canada is upgrading key Eastern Canada routes currently operated with all-economy regional aircraft by deploying larger Air Canada Rouge jets which offer a choice of two cabins, wi-fi and in-flight entertainment streamed to personal devices," said Mark Galardo, Vice President, Network Planning at Air Canada. "We are pleased to add more travel options to and from Newfoundland and Labrador by increasing capacity on our flights to St. John's via our Montreal hub which offers excellent connections to and from our extensive North American and global network. With our varied and flexible fleet, we are also adding capacity to our popular Calgary-Halifax seasonal flight with larger mainline Airbus A320 aircraft, with connections in Calgary conveniently linking eastern and western Canada."

Customers also collect and redeem Aeroplan Miles through Canada's leading loyalty program when travelling with Air Canada, and eligible customers have access to priority check-in, Maple Leaf Lounges, priority boarding and other benefits.

<b>Route</b>	<b>Frequencies</b>
Montreal-St. John's	2 daily Air Canada Rouge A-319 flights effective June 5
Toronto-Fredericton	2 daily Air Canada Rouge A-319 flights effective June 1
Toronto-Moncton	3 daily Air Canada Rouge A-319 flights effective May 1
Toronto-Thunder Bay	3 daily Air Canada Rouge A-319 flights effective May 1
Calgary-Halifax	1 daily Air Canada A-320 flight effective May 14

Following the recently finalized Capacity Purchase Agreement between Air Canada and Chorus Aviation, Air Canada is optimizing its fleet within its network strategy and deploying the aircraft best-suited to the communities it serves as it modernizes and simplifies its regional fleet.

### **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 2018 served nearly 51 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 64 airports in Canada, 60 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 2018 Best Airline in North America. For more information, please visit: [aircanada.com/media](http://aircanada.com/media), follow [@AirCanada on Twitter](https://twitter.com/AirCanada) and join Air Canada on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AirCanada).

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