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Gamsahabnida! Air Canada Marks 25 Years of Service to Seoul, South Korea

- ***Inaugurated three times weekly flights in 1994 onboard Boeing 747 Combi aircraft***
- ***Flights today are daily onboard Boeing 777 and 787 Dreamliners from both YVR and Toronto Pearson***

MONTREAL, May 17, 2019 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada is excited to mark 25 years of non-stop service between Canada and Seoul, South Korea. To celebrate this milestone, Air Canada has a special promotion featuring fares from Vancouver to Seoul return, from as low as \$1,325 CDN all in, and from Toronto to Seoul return, from as low as \$1,525 CDN all in. These celebratory fares are available until May 20, 2019 and are available for purchase now on aircanada.com and via travel agents.

Prior to the departure of today's flight AC63 from YVR to Seoul, a celebration was held at YVR where customers also enjoyed traditional cultural performances and activities prior to boarding.

"We are thrilled to celebrate 25 years of proud service between Canada and South Korea. Since 1994, millions of customers have travelled on our airline between our two countries to conduct business, visit friends and family, study, learn more about each country's wonderful heritage, and to visit UNESCO and cultural attractions. Both countries have introduced a diverse range of delicious, culinary traditions to each other with Korean BBQ and other specialties now enjoyed by more and more Canadians. We are very pleased to be an important link between our two countries, and to help sustain the positive relationship our nations enjoy," said John MacLeod, Vice President, Global Sales and Alliances, at Air Canada.



"On behalf of YVR, I would like to congratulate Air Canada on a successful 25 years of serving Vancouver and Seoul," said Craig Richmond, President & CEO, Vancouver Airport Authority. "Air Canada's Vancouver to Seoul service is key to our vision of creating a world-class hub. It connects Canada to an incredible country, with a deep history and unique culture, and one of the world's most thriving and innovative economies. We are excited for the future, as we work with Air Canada to build their trans-Pacific hub at YVR, and the ongoing success of the Seoul service."

Twenty-five years ago in May 1994, Air Canada inaugurated three times weekly flights to Seoul, the first Asia-Pacific destination to be served by Canada's flag carrier. At that time, the routing was Toronto-Vancouver-Seoul and flights were operated with Boeing 747-400 Combi aircraft. Air Canada's flights originally operated to and from Seoul's Gimpo International Airport (GMP), later moving to Incheon International Airport (ICN) when it opened in 2001, and where Air Canada's flights continue to operate from today.

Today, Air Canada operates daily flights year-round between Vancouver and Seoul with Boeing 787 Dreamliners, and up to daily flights year-round between Toronto and Seoul with both Boeing 777s and 787 Dreamliners.

Air Canada's flights to and from Seoul are scheduled to connect easily and conveniently to and from a multitude of destinations at both its YVR trans-pacific hub and at its Toronto Pearson global hub. Customers can collect and redeem Aeroplan Miles through Canada's leading loyal program when travelling with Air Canada, and eligible customers also enjoy priority check-in, priority boarding, Maple Leaf Lounges, and other benefits.

About Air Canada

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving nearly 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 63 airports in Canada, 56 in the United States and 100 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, follow @AirCanada on Twitter and join Air Canada on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AirCanada).

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