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Air Canada Returns to Port of Spain

Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago ("the Authority") is thrilled to announce the return of Air Canada to the Port of Spain route. Commencing May 1st 2025, Air Canada will resume scheduled flights between Toronto's Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Piarco International Airport (POS), offering travellers increased options and reinforcing the link between Trinidad and Tobago and Canada.

Mark Galardo, Executive Vice President Revenue and Network Planning at Air Canada stated,

"Air Canada is very pleased to be returning to Port of Spain starting in Summer 2025 as the only Canadian carrier serving Trinidad and Tobago. Our year-round service reflects the extensive family and business ties between our two countries and will support the islands' tourist industry. From our global Toronto hub, customers will be able to connect easily onward to more than 30 destinations in Canada or around the world. The new four-day-a-week service is timed for local preferences and will be operated with one of our new, Boeing 737 Max aircraft, which offers two cabins of service and seatback entertainment for every customer"

General Manager of the Authority, Mr Hayden Newton, expressed his enthusiasm for this development:

"The return of Air Canada is a significant step forward in our efforts to expand travel options and enhance connectivity for Trinidad and Tobago. This move by Air Canada increases capacity on this route and strengthens our position as a key hub in the Caribbean. We look forward to working closely with Air Canada to ensure a seamless, safe, and enjoyable travel experience for all passengers," he said.

Within recent times, several airlines have added new routes or expanded their services to Trinidad and Tobago, strengthening connectivity between this nation and many traditional, new, and exciting international destinations.

Passenger throughput through our nation's airports have shown significant recovery post Covid-19. The return to this route by Air Canada demonstrates a strong demand from passengers and underscores the importance of Trinidad and Tobago as a key market.

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This resumed service supports the ongoing development of Trinidad and Tobago's tourism, trade, and cultural exchange. It enables travellers to have increased opportunities to connect with Canada, the second largest source market to Trinidad and Tobago, which is home to a vibrant Trinbagonian diaspora, and enhances prospects for business and tourism interests.

Under the guidance of the Ministry of Works and Transport, the Authority continues to invest in attracting new airlines and retaining and expanding existing routes, in a holistic bid to increase airlift to our nation.

*"We are overjoyed when our efforts result in resounding benefits to all of our stakeholders,"
Mr Newton added.*

Continuing to promote Trinidad and Tobago's airports and engaging in destination marketing is integral to growth for the local and regional aviation industry to the benefit of passengers globally and economies locally.

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