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OUTSTANDING OFFERING THIS SUMMER:
MONTRÉAL–TRUDEAU RANKS FOURTH IN NORTH AMERICA
FOR NUMBER OF DIRECT FLIGHTS TO EUROPE

Montréal, February 17, 2014 – Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) is pleased to announce the new air services that will be available this summer at Montréal–Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport.

Starting in May, travellers will enjoy an unmatched array of flight options, especially to European destinations. Direct flights will be available from Montréal to no less than 28 European cities—among them Prague, for the first time in several years. Montréal–Paris will remain the best-served international route outbound from Canada, with up to seven daily flights to either Charles de Gaulle or Orly. Overall, carriers flying to Europe will be offering 13% more seats than last year.

“We are proud to say that this summer, Montréal–Trudeau will rank fourth among all North American airports for the number of European destinations served by direct flights, ahead of major hubs like Chicago and Atlanta,” said James Cherry, President and Chief Executive Officer, ADM.

He added: “Montréal–Trudeau has definitely become a dynamic hub linking North America and Europe, in particular French-speaking European countries, with connecting traffic showing constant growth.”

ADM is confident that travellers will be numerous on both sides of the Atlantic, and is forecasting solid growth in its passenger traffic for 2014. Traffic through Montréal–Trudeau was up by 2.1% in 2013, reaching 14.1 million emplaned and deplaned passengers. International flights (which exclude the U.S. service) accounted for 38% of total traffic, the highest proportion among all Canadian airports.

New carriers, destinations, and frequencies

On June 3, Montréal–Trudeau will welcome two new carriers: Turkish Airlines (Istanbul) and Copa Airlines (Panama City). With their extensively developed networks, they will considerably improve Montréal’s connections to several regions of the world, including Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and Latin America.

For the summer season, Air Transat is adding Prague to its roster of destinations, and will fly to 20 other European cities: Athens, Basel, Barcelona, Bordeaux, Brussels, Dublin, Istanbul, Lisbon, London, Lyon, Madrid, Malaga, Marseille, Nantes, Nice, Paris, Porto, Rome, Toulouse and Venice.

Lufthansa is launching a new Montréal–Frankfurt route, with five flights per week, in addition to its daily flight to Munich.

New leisure airline Air Canada rouge will be flying to Barcelona, Nice, Rome and Athens for the first time, while its parent, Air Canada, has announced increased capacity on its Brussels, Geneva and London routes.

Air France, Corsair, British Airways, Swiss and KLM will each offer the same level of service as last summer.

Looking at routes to North Africa and the Middle East, Air Algérie has added capacity to its Montréal–Algiers service. Casablanca, Morocco, Amman, Jordan, and Doha, Qatar, are the other cities currently served by direct flights out of Montréal–Trudeau.

Vacationers flying to the Caribbean will once again be well served, with a choice of 22 non-stop destinations, while Air Canada rouge will take over some routes previously flown by Air Canada.

All in all, this summer Montréal–Trudeau will have direct flights to 112 international destinations (the total including winter-season destinations is more than 130), ranking it second among Canadian airports for the number of direct destinations.

About Aéroports de Montréal

ADM is the local airport authority responsible for the management, operation and development of Montréal–Trudeau and Montréal–Mirabel international airports under a lease signed with Transport Canada in 1992. The Corporation employs 625 people at both airports and at head office.

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