



AIR CANADA TO LAUNCH TORONTO-SEOUL SERVICE

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Air Canada will launch direct flights between Toronto and Seoul next year, using its new Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft.

The trans-Pacific route will commence on June 17, 2016, operating daily. Flights will depart Toronto's Pearson International Airport at 1:35 p.m. and arrive at Seoul's Incheon International Airport at 4:20 p.m. the following day. The return service will then leave the Korean capital at 3:00 p.m., arriving back in Toronto at 2:50 p.m. the same day, having crossed the International Date Line.

"The introduction of non-stop flights between our main Toronto hub and Seoul further strengthens Air Canada's presence in the growing Asian market," said Benjamin Smith, Air Canada's president of passenger airlines.

"This new route will provide some of the fastest travel times for customers travelling to and from South Korea and eastern Canada, the U.S. northeast and South America via our main hub in Toronto. Together with our Vancouver-Seoul service, Air Canada will operate the most flights of any airline between Canada and South Korea with up to 14 flights per week."

Toronto-Seoul becomes the latest Asian route to be launched using Air Canada's new fleet of fuel-efficient Dreamliners. The airline already operates its B787s on routes from Toronto to Tokyo, and from Vancouver to Tokyo, Seoul and Brisbane. Dreamliner flights to Delhi and Dubai get underway next week, and the airline will start operating Calgary-Tokyo services in 2016.

"As we renew and grow our international fleet to include 21 Boeing 787 aircraft by 2016 of the 37 on order, we are ramping up conversion of existing routes to Dreamliner service from Toronto to Asia, Europe and South America in order to provide our customers with the comfort and benefits of the most technologically advanced commercial aircraft flying today," Smith added.

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