

# Backgrounder

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## **AIR CANADA AT VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Vancouver International Airport (YVR) is a strategic hub for Air Canada, connecting its domestic network with U.S. locations, and acting as an international gateway for Air Canada's routes to and from Asia, Australia and Europe.

### **By the numbers – Air Canada at Vancouver International Airport**

- YVR is Air Canada's second largest hub.
- Air Canada served more than 7.4 million customers at YVR in 2009.
- Air Canada, together with its regional affiliate Jazz, operated more than 101,000 flights in 2009 to/from YVR and 51 destinations (including seasonal routes and Air Canada Vacations destinations): 27 destinations in Canada, 11 in the United States, six in the Asia Pacific region (including Sydney, Australia), six Mexican and Caribbean destinations, and London, Heathrow (LHR).
- Air Canada has three Maple Leaf Lounges at YVR:
  - A Domestic Maple Leaf Lounge  
Seating capacity of 170; 11,600 sq. ft.; 300,000 guests in 2009
  - A Transborder Maple Leaf Lounge  
Seating capacity of 145; 8,100 sq. ft.; 90,000 guests in 2009
  - An International Maple Leaf Lounge  
Seating capacity of 135; 4,900 sq. ft.; 94,000 guests in 2009

### **Air Canada's U.S. transborder and international service at Vancouver International Airport**

- Air Canada serves 11 destinations in the United States from YVR, accounting for about 34 per cent of total scheduled carriers' U.S. departures and 25 per cent of seats at YVR.
- Air Canada operates non-stop service to four destinations in Mexico, accounting for about 21 per cent of total scheduled Mexico departures and seats at YVR.
- Air Canada operates service to six destinations in Asia – Tokyo, Seoul, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and Sydney -- accounting for 32 percent of seat capacity to Asia.
- Air Canada is the only carrier in YVR to fly non-stop to Sydney, Australia.

### **Star Alliance**

Air Canada's Star Alliance partners, Air China, Air New Zealand, Lufthansa, United Airlines, Continental and US Airways, offer service from Vancouver to Beijing, Auckland, Frankfurt, Chicago, Houston, Denver and Phoenix, further increasing connections and travel options for Air Canada customers, with reciprocal frequent flyers program benefits.

The Star Alliance network was established in 1997 as the first truly global airline alliance to offer worldwide reach, recognition and seamless service to the international traveller. The Star Alliance network offers almost 19,750 daily flights to 1,077 airports in 175 countries.

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