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# NEWS RELEASE

## **Air Canada Begins Nonstop Service to Vancouver from Silicon Valley's Airport**

*-- SJC Travelers' 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Requested Nonstop Destination;  
Two Daily Flights on 75-Passenger Regional Jet --*

**San José, Calif.** – San José Mayor Sam Liccardo joined today with [Air Canada](#)'s Senior Director, U.S. Sales and Market Development Lisa Pierce, Consulate General of Canada in San Francisco Brandon Lee, and other Silicon Valley city and business leaders to launch nonstop service between [Mineta San José International Airport](#) (SJC) and Vancouver International Airport (YVR). Air Canada flies twice-daily between the two high-tech business hubs on the modern Bombardier CRJ-705 aircraft.

"I'd like to thank Air Canada for its investment in San José and Silicon Valley and for recognizing the importance of offering nonstop service to Vancouver from Mineta San José International Airport," Mayor Sam Liccardo said. "Air Canada's new flights reflect the strength of our local economy and the twice-daily service offers convenience for the many Silicon Valley high-tech company employees and residents who travel to this desirable destination for business and leisure."

Event highlights at SJC's Gate 12 in Terminal A, where Air Canada passengers will now depart and arrive, included a DJ spinning tunes from Canadian artists such as Bryan Adams and Loverboy; a photo station featuring Royal Canadian Mountie hats and an image of the Port of Vancouver to virtually transport travelers to this beautiful new destination; and Nanaimo bars, a classic Canadian dessert.

"Air Canada is pleased to expand its service to San Jose from Vancouver. Canadians visit the U.S. more than any other country and Air Canada's extensive transborder network makes it the foreign carrier with the most flights to the U.S. Air Canada also offers convenient onward connections through our expansive global network to destinations around the world on North America's only Four-Star, international network carrier," said Pierce.

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The twice-daily service allows travelers in both Silicon Valley and Vancouver to choose between a morning departure as well as an evening flight allowing for a full day of business or leisure activities, with enough time to get to the airport for departure:

<b>Flight Number</b>	<b>City Pair</b>	<b>Departs</b>	<b>Arrives</b>
AC 8566 AC 8568	Vancouver – San José	8:45 a.m. 5:05 p.m.	10:52 a.m. 7:10 p.m.
AC 8569 AC 8567	San José – Vancouver	11:35 a.m. 7:45 p.m.	1:35 p.m. 9:45 p.m.

- Flights operate twice daily. - Times are local. - Average flight time is 2 hours.  
- Flights arrive and depart SJC's Terminal A.

- Visit [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com) for bookings and information.

Strong demand exists for nonstop service between Silicon Valley and Canada. Vancouver is called the "Silicon Valley North" since more than 200 Silicon Valley companies have offices there, including Facebook, Electronic Arts, Hootsuite, Bench, Mobify, Microsoft and Sony Pictures. Additionally, between 300,000 and 350,000 Canadians work in Silicon Valley. Nonstop service beyond Vancouver to several cities in Asia offers the opportunity to enhance business and improve travel efficiency.

A bustling west coast seaport in beautiful British Columbia, Vancouver is also a popular tourism destination surrounded by mountains and invites outdoor pursuits of all kinds. The city also has a thriving art, theatre and music scene.

"Vancouver is the No. 3 requested international destination by MIneta San José International Airport passengers, and we're pleased to deliver this new service to Silicon Valley businesses and residents," said Director of Aviation Kim Becker. "Air Canada is an important addition to our growing list of airline partners, and we anticipate that our community will warmly welcome them and support this new service."

A bonus for travelers arriving on Air Canada is Vancouver's status as a pre-clearance airport to the U.S. Travelers clear U.S. Customs and Border Protection before leaving Vancouver, eliminating the need to do so when arriving to SJC.

Air Canada's Vancouver service is the second of four nonstop international flights to launch from SJC in 2016. [British Airways](#) began London Heathrow service on May 4. [Lufthansa](#) starts service to Frankfurt, Germany, on July 1. [Air China](#) has received U.S. DOT approval for Shanghai service, with flights expected to begin this summer.

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Other nonstop international service offered at SJC includes [Hainan](#) to Beijing and [ANA](#) to Tokyo-Narita, both on the Dreamliner 787-8; daily flights to Guadalajara on Alaska Airlines and [Volaris](#); and Alaska flights to Cabo San Lucas.

**About Air Canada**

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving more than 200 airports on six continents. Canada's flag carrier is among the 20 largest airlines in the world and in 2015 served more than 41 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 64 airports in Canada, 55 in the United States and 87 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 1,330 airports in 192 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. For more information, please visit: [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com), follow @AirCanada on Twitter and join Air Canada on Facebook.

**About Mineta San José International Airport**

Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. SJC served 9.8 million passengers in Calendar Year 2015, a 4.4 percent increase year-over-year. SJC offers approximately 160 peak daily departures on 13 domestic and international carriers to 36 nonstop destinations.

SJC's five-star customer service experience sets it apart from other Bay Area and US airports. Airlines and passengers respond positively to SJC's customer amenities, including modern terminal buildings, free and fast WiFi, comfortable seating with built-in power outlets, a luxurious, award-winning lounge open to all travelers, a duty free store offering an enhanced shopping experience, a rental car center conveniently located across from the terminals and Global Entry kiosks to expedite arriving international passengers. Silicon Valley's airport is located in San José, California's third largest city and the nation's tenth largest city. SJC facts can be found [here](#). For more airport information, visit [www.flysanjose.com](http://www.flysanjose.com).