



NEWS RELEASE

Air Canada Vacations adds Samana and heads into winter with 14 new flights

Introduces daily non-stop service to Puerto Vallarta and Punta Cana

MONTREAL—August 13, 2008—Air Canada Vacations has expanded its winter 2008-2009 Sun Collection with the addition of **Samana in the Dominican Republic** and non-stop flights from Vancouver to **Montego Bay, Jamaica**, and from Montreal to **St. Lucia**. What's more, with the new, daily non-stop flights from Toronto to **Puerto Vallarta** and to **Punta Cana**, travellers can opt for flexible-duration packages starting at only three nights to both destinations.

"We continue to offer our customers the widest variety of travel package options. And with our unique access to Air Canada's network, we offer more non-stop flights from across Canada and the most convenient departure times," said Air Canada Vacations President & CEO, Zeina Gedeon. "And remember to book early to reserve our most popular resorts and take advantage of our early booking bonuses."

Air Canada will increase service to Air Canada Vacations destinations in the Caribbean and Mexico this fall and winter season by redeploying capacity to meet increased demand. Up to 28,700 seats per week will be offered from points across Canada to 29 destinations throughout the region, an increase of 10% compared to last year.

New this winter

Discover a different side of the Dominican Republic in Samana

Air Canada Vacations now takes you to **Samana** with all-inclusive 7- or 14-night packages featuring a choice of the region's best resorts:

- Gran Bahia Principe Cayo Levantado (5 star)
- Gran Bahia Principe El Portillo (4 ½ star)
- Gran Bahia Principe Cayacoa (4 star)
- Grand Paradise Samana (4 star)

From Toronto to **Samana, Dominican Republic**— weekly non-stop flights every Sunday starting December 21, 2008.

All-new non-stops

Vancouver to **Montego Bay, Jamaica**—Fridays, December 19, 2008 to April 17, 2009.

Air Canada Vacations' all-inclusive 7- or 14-night packages feature 38 resorts—the most extensive choice of resorts in Jamaica, including 4 new properties and 10 Sandals and Beaches Resorts.

Calgary to **Los Cabos**—Saturdays, December 20, 2008 to April 18, 2009.

(Only Air Canada Vacations offers a Saturday flight to Los Cabos from Calgary.)

Choose from five resorts, including Melia Cabo Real.

Ottawa to **Santa Clara, Cuba**—Sundays, December 21, 2008 to April 12, 2009.

All-inclusive 7- or 14-night packages feature a wide choice of resorts, including Barcelo Cayo Santa Maria opening this November.

Montreal to **St. Lucia**—Mondays, December 22, 2008 to April 13, 2009.

(Only Air Canada Vacations flies non-stop to St. Lucia from Montreal.)

Choose from 7- or 14-night packages featuring 14 resorts, including 3 Sandals Resorts.

All-new daily flights

Packages now feature daily non-stop flights—perfect for quick getaways to the sun.

Leave any day of the week and stay as little as three nights.

- Toronto to **Puerto Vallarta, Mexico**—daily, December 14, 2008 to April 12, 2009.
- Toronto to **Punta Cana, Dominican Republic**—daily, December 14, 2008 to April 12, 2009.

More frequent flights to Cuba

There are now two weekly flights to Santa Clara from each of the following cities:

- Montreal to **Santa Clara, Cuba** —Tuesdays (**new**) and Sundays December 23, 2008 to April 14, 2009.
- Toronto to **Santa Clara, Cuba** —Saturdays (**new**) and Thursdays, December 20, 2008 to April 18, 2009.

And there are now three weekly flights to Varadero from Montreal.

- Montreal to **Varadero, Cuba**—Tuesdays (**new**), Fridays and Saturdays, December 23, 2008 to April 14, 2009.

For a complete listing of all resorts, routes and flight schedules for 2008-2009, see "Hotels at a glance" and "Flying at a glance" in the *Sun Collection* brochure or visit aircanadavacations.com/agents.

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