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AIR NEW ZEALAND ANNOUNCES NEW NON-STOP SERVICE BETWEEN VANCOUVER AND AUCKLAND

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (February 22, 2007) – Beginning in November of this year, Air New Zealand will launch non-stop flights between Vancouver, Canada and Auckland, New Zealand. With the announcement of this new international route, Air New Zealand is making a significant step in its focus on strengthening its trans-Pacific network.

The service will initially operate between November 2, 2007 and March 28, 2008 to coincide with the peak travel season between the two destinations, allowing Canadians to escape the snow by enjoying outdoor adventures in New Zealand's warmest summer months and giving Kiwis an opportunity to head north and take advantage of some of the best ski slopes in the world.

"We are committed to creating at least one new long haul international destination each year and Vancouver proved an ideal strategic fit, due in part to Canada's thriving economy," said Roger Poulton, Air New Zealand Vice President – the Americas. "At any one time, we have more than 20 routes under consideration as part of our long-term strategy to grow the airline."

Last year, Air New Zealand became one of the select carriers to offer round-the-world flights with the announcement of its non-stop flights between London and Hong Kong completing the loop; and in 2005, the airline widened its west coast gateway with non-stops flights from San Francisco to Auckland.

"In 2006, Canadians set a new record with 46,000 travelers visiting New Zealand, which marks an increase of more than 10,000 visitors in just a little more than five years," said Bruce Lahood, Tourism New Zealand Vice President for North America. "But even more importantly, according to a survey focused on Canadian travelers in January of 2006, 99 percent returned home satisfied with their vacation to New Zealand and more than 95 percent would recommend the destination to their friends, family and colleagues."

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Air New Zealand is going to help make that recommendation even more appealing with three non-stop flights each week between Vancouver and Auckland. The new route reduces travel time to a little over 14 hours, whereas previous itineraries from Vancouver to New Zealand totalled an average of around twenty hours. Now, passengers will be treated to a luxuriously direct flight aboard Air New Zealand's new fleet of Boeing 777-200ERs, which feature lie-flat beds, vast entertainment options and award-winning food and wine. Star Alliance partner Air Canada will also be code sharing on this service.

Flight schedules from Vancouver will leave on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays and are designed to meet the needs of both business and leisure passengers with an early evening departure time.

This new service will provide a convenient one-stop route for Canadians travelling to many Australian destinations and will minimize the requirement of transiting through the U.S.

Air New Zealand will operate the following schedule from Vancouver to Auckland, subject to timeslot, capacity and regulatory approvals:

Flight number	Schedule	
NZ83	Departs Vancouver	1830
	Arrives Auckland	0600*
NZ84	Departs Auckland	1915
	Arrives Vancouver	1200

**Note – The average length of the flight is around 14 hours, however, due to time differences, arrival in New Zealand is two days later than departure date.*

Tickets are available beginning today with prices starting at CAD\$1498 (excludes airport tax and fuel surcharges). For more information or to book online, please visit www.airnewzealand.ca.

About Air New Zealand

Air New Zealand offers more direct flights to the South Pacific than any other airline, including nonstop flights from Los Angeles to New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Tahiti and Samoa. Starting April 2007 the Cook Islands will also be on a nonstop route. In addition to flying non-stop LA-London, Air New Zealand's newest route, between London and Hong Kong, now allows customers to fly round-the-world on one airline. Consistently rated among the world's best international airlines, Air New Zealand's most recent accolades include recognition by the *Condé Nast Traveler* Reader's Choice Awards, the *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Awards and *Business Traveler Magazine*. United Mileage Plus, US Airways Dividend Miles and Air Canada's Aeroplan members earn and redeem mileage on select flights. Both flight and vacation essentials can now be booked on AirNewZealand.ca, where the lowest possible airfares are always guaranteed. Flight and vacation bookings can also be made by calling 1-800-663-5494 in Canada.