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The New Border-Crossing Rules For Canadians And Visitors: What You Need To Know:

The federal government's eased border restrictions for travellers from the U.S. are now in effect, allowing non-essential trips to Canada for the first time since March 2020. All travellers over the age of five, regardless of vaccination status, will still have to provide proof of a COVID-19 test taken prior to entering Canada.



Canada's Border Guards Settle Just Before Border Reopened To Americans Monday:

Chaos at the border was avoided when Canada's border workers settled on a new agreement with the federal government just a couple of days before a huge influx of arrivals was expected. As of 09AUG, fully vaccinated Americans may enter Canada for non-essential travel without having to quarantine or undertake Day 8 tests. After 36 straight hours of negotiation, a tentative deal between the federal government and the Public Service

Alliance of Canada, which represents 9000 CBSA employees, was reached late Friday.



Hallo Amsterdam! WestJet Celebrates New YYC-AMS Service:

WestJet celebrated the launch of its new YYC-AMS service. The airline's launch of its new service debuted 05AUG with the WS20 departure from YYC on the airline's 787 Dreamliner. It was the airline's first launch of new service to Europe after more than 18 months, and according to WestJet, marked a significant milestone in the carrier's commitment to restoring its global network.

Air Canada Adds Orange County, California To Network Beginning In OCT:

Air Canada announced that it will be adding Santa Ana in Orange County, California to its network with non-stop service from Vancouver starting 02OCT 2021. Flights will start four-times weekly, with plans to increase to daily service in 2022. Air Canada also highlights its new refund policy, where it offers customers options of refunds, an Air Canada Travel Voucher or equivalent value in Aeroplan Points with a 65 per cent bonus should the airline cancel or reschedule a flight by more than three hours, is applicable to all tickets purchased.



Canada Extends Ban On Flights From India Past The Date When Border Reopens To All Nationalities:

Transport Canada announced late Monday 09AUG that it's extending restrictions on direct flights from India until at least 21SEP. This news comes as Canada began to open its borders in a phased approach this week, beginning with fully-vaccinated Americans on 09AUG, and continuing with fully-vaccinated residents of other countries beginning on 07SEP.



Maritime Travel – TravelSmart: COVID-19 Health and Safety Resource Center:

Maritime Travel has compiled a one-stop resource for travel managers and travellers, offering accurate and up-to-date information on policies pertaining to all forms of travel. This online portal will consist of categories such as:

- [General Information \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Government Regulations](#)
- [Air Travel Regulations](#)
- [Hotel Updates](#)
- [Car & Ground Transportation](#)