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WestJet And Air Canada Ready To Restore Some Regional Routes: Both Air Canada and WestJet have announced that they will begin restoring summer flights to some of the smaller Canadian airports where they were forced to cut service during the pandemic. WS announced Wednesday that it is returning to YHG, YFC, YQM, YQY and YQB after service was suspended to those airports in NOV. Their reinstatement means WestJet will once again be flying its complete pre-COVID domestic network. Service is set to resume on 24JUN.



AF-KLM Extend Flex Cancellation Policy; Essential Travel & Netherlands Entry Ban Strictly Enforced: Air France and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines have extended their flexible cancellation policy through 31DEC, 2021, allowing passengers to rebook or receive a refund for cancelled tickets without having to provide any documents justifying why. Cancellations must occur prior to departure.



Flair To Fly Out Of YUL For The First Time This Summer: Flair Airlines will begin flying out of YUL starting 01JUL, 2021, with direct flights to Toronto, Vancouver, Halifax and Abbotsford. "Providing affordable air travel within Canada is an essential first step in restarting travel and tourism. We know there is a need for ULCC service in Montreal and are thrilled to bring our low fares to the area," said Stephen Jones, President & CEO. In JAN, Flair announced it is expanding its fleet with 13 new Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft. With this delivery, the company said it aims to further increase its network across Canada.



WestJet Secures London Heathrow Slots This Summer: WestJet obtained 732 slots to London Heathrow for daily flights to Calgary and Vancouver, starting as soon as 01MAY. Currently, WS has slots at neighboring Gatwick that allow four daily services a day to Calgary, Halifax, Toronto and Vancouver. It is unknown whether WestJet will utilize Heathrow instead of Gatwick. Tentatively, WestJet has filed a return to London at the end of MAY as the airline plans its return to transatlantic service when Canadian borders reopen.



Atlantic Travel Bubble Is Coming Back, Starting April 19: Atlantic Canada's premiers say the region's residents will be able to resume unrestricted travel between the four provinces in mid-April. The return of the so-called Atlantic bubble was jointly announced Thursday by the premiers of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador.



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](#)
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- [Car & Ground Transportation](#)