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Media Release – YYT Announces Non-Stop Service to Newark

ST. JOHN'S, NL – St. John's International Airport welcomes the return of seasonal non-stop service to Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) with United Airlines. Operating daily from June through September 2027, the route will be served by an Embraer E-175 aircraft and connects Newfoundland and Labrador to one of United Airlines' hub airports.

"We are thrilled with the announcement by United Airlines to re-connect YYT and Newark for the first time in more than a decade," said Dennis Hogan, Chief Executive Officer, St. John's International Airport. "Re-establishing non-stop service to the eastern U.S. seaboard is a strategic priority for our airport and represents a significant air access milestone. This route, made possible through the Transborder Joint Business Agreement between Air Canada and United Airlines, will enhance both business and leisure travel and unlock an extensive onward network of travel options."

"We are excited to expand our route network in Canada by introducing new seasonal service between St. John's and Newark next summer," added Mark Weithofer, Managing Director of Domestic Network Planning, United Airlines. "This new route reflects our continued investment in Canada and builds on our long-standing partnership with Air Canada, providing customers with convenient access to Newfoundland and Labrador's capital city while giving local travelers nonstop service to Newark and the New York City area, along with seamless connections to destinations across United's global network through our Newark hub."

The benefits of this new service extend well beyond the airport, supporting community and industry partners across Newfoundland and Labrador.

"Enhanced air access is vital to growing Newfoundland and Labrador's tourism industry, strengthening economic development and improving business connectivity. This service will help attract more visitors to our province, stimulate economic activity, support local jobs and businesses, and create new opportunities to showcase the unique culture, rich heritage and unforgettable experiences that make Newfoundland and Labrador a world-class destination."

Honourable Tony Wakeham
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador



"As the capital city of Newfoundland and Labrador, St. John's plays a vital role as a hub for business, tourism, government and culture across our province. The introduction of daily seasonal direct service between St. John's and Newark by United Airlines strengthens our connection to major international markets, making it easier for residents to travel and for visitors to discover all that our city and province have to offer. Improved air access supports economic growth, creates opportunities for local businesses and tourism operators, and reinforces St. John's position as a key gateway to Newfoundland and Labrador. We welcome this expanded service and the opportunities it brings to our community."

His Worship Danny Breen
Mayor, City of St. John's

"The return of non-stop service between Newark and St. John's is exciting news for our region, reopening an important gateway for guests from the United States and beyond. Through the province's tourism campaigns, and through theatre productions like *Come From Away* and now the Netflix series *Below*, audiences are discovering Newfoundland and Labrador's character, its stories, and its extraordinary sense of welcome. This connection makes it easier to turn that interest into a visit, and we look forward to welcoming more guests to St. John's to experience it all firsthand."

Paul Bugge
Chief Executive Officer, Destination St. John's

"This new route is a significant win for Newfoundland and Labrador's tourism industry. A direct connection to the New York region will make our province easier to reach, open new opportunities to attract visitors and help tourism businesses compete and grow in communities across Newfoundland and Labrador."

John Devereaux
Chair, Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador

"For tech companies in Newfoundland and Labrador, being able to easily get to the U.S. is a big deal. Whether it's for business development, meeting customers, or attending events, shorter travel times mean less time getting there and more time making things happen. We've been working with our member companies and industry partners to push for better air access, and we're thrilled to see this new route become a reality."

Andrea King
Chief Executive Officer, techNL



"It is encouraging to see the return of a direct U.S. connection to Newfoundland and Labrador. Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are doing business far beyond our borders. A connection like this enables people to move more efficiently, saving time and money. We hope this will lead to even more travel options in the future."

AnnMarie Boudreau

Chief Executive Officer, The Board of Trade

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ABOUT ST. JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Recognized as a Top Employer in Atlantic Canada from 2024 to 2026, the St. John's International Airport (SJIA) is a private, not-for-profit, non-share capital corporation that oversees the safe and efficient movement of people and goods at Newfoundland and Labrador's premier air transportation gateway. Our mission is to proudly connect Newfoundland and Labrador with the world.

SJIA was honoured with Airports Council International Airport Service Quality awards for best airport in North America (under two million passengers) in both 2024 and 2025. These prestigious recognitions highlight our ongoing commitment to delivering an exceptional airport experience for passengers and for fostering economic growth and social well-being in the communities we serve.