

Emirates' maiden flight to Montréal takes off

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Dubai : Emirates' maiden flight EK243 to Montréal took off on July 5 from Dubai International Airport's Terminal 3 at 3:00 am with 339 passengers, including a VIP delegation and media representatives onboard.

The airline will be operating daily flights on the Dubai-Montreal route with its wide-body Boeing 777-300ER, featuring eight private suites in First Class, 42 lie-flat seats in Business Class and over 304 spacious seats in Economy Class for the daily service.

Onboard the maiden flight were Emirates executives including Adnan Kazim, Chief Commercial Officer; Salem Obaidalla, Senior Vice President of Commercial Operations, Americas; and David Broz, Vice President of Aeropolitical and Industry Affairs.

Speaking on the occasion, before flight departure, Salem Obaidalla, Senior Vice President of Commercial Operations, America, Emirates, said, "This route is very important for us. This is our second destination in Canada since

2007 when we launched our operation in Toronto. This route is also important for Canadian passengers as they have 58 destinations beyond Dubai."

With the new move, Montreal, Quebec province's cultural capital, becomes Emirates' second gateway in Canada, since its passenger services to Toronto has been in operation since 2007.

The new daily service to Montréal complements Emirates' seven weekly services to Toronto and takes the airline's North American network to 14 destinations and a total of 18 across the Americas.

The service will provide travellers to Canada with connectivity via Dubai from points such as Lebanon, India, Iran, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand and South Africa.

Direct services between Dubai and Montréal are expected to meet demand from a diverse mix of demographics, including business and leisure travellers, in addition to visiting family and friends that consists of Canadians living and working in the UAE.

With Montréal being home to a number of world-class universities, the route is expected to become immensely popular amongst students from the Middle East, West and Central Asia and Far East.