

## Benefits from an Air-Rail partnerships between VIA Rail and Air Transat

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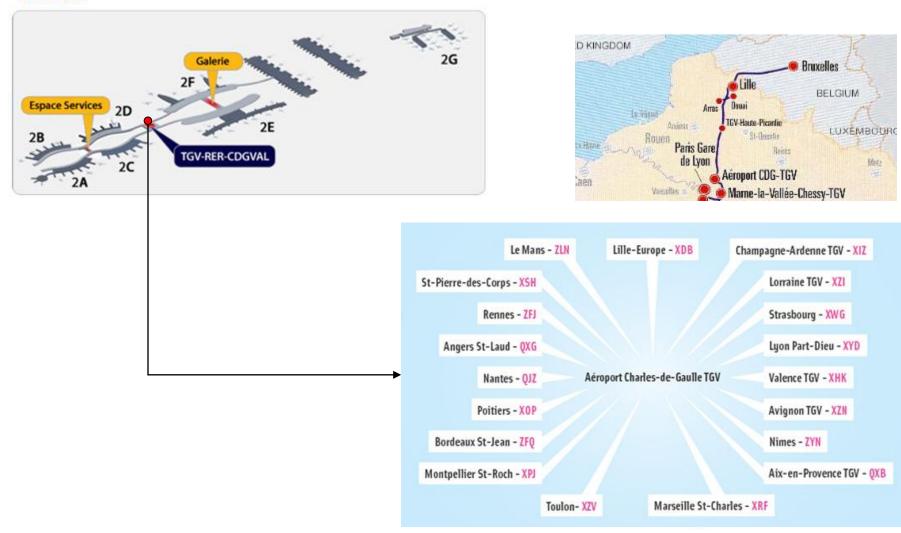
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## Air-Rail Intermodal example: Paris-CDG

#### Terminal 2



## Brussels and Ottawa – A comparison

#### Brussels to Paris CDG

#### Ottawa to Montréal-Trudeau

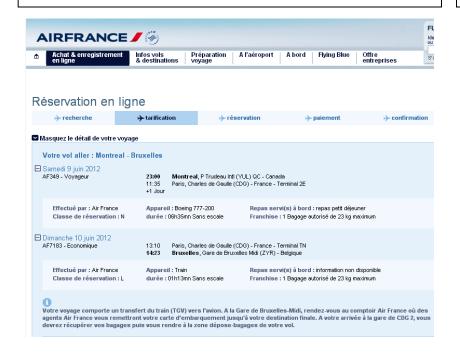
- CDG to Brussels Midi is 280 km and 2h46 by car
- By High speed TGV <u>1h35</u>
- AF no longer operates planes on the route
- Dedicated TGV service 5 times a day – matched to connecting banks in CDG
- Seamless travel, on e-ticket
- Distribution worldwide enhanced by use of AF flight numbers
- Lounges in Brussels-Midi

- 180 km by car, 2h10 mins
- By train, <u>1h35</u>
- Air Connect Service with 15 mins connection time to airport
- Air Transat (TS) has no feeder
- AF/KL and LX offer daily bus services with seamless connection to their transatlantic flights
- No baggage thru check

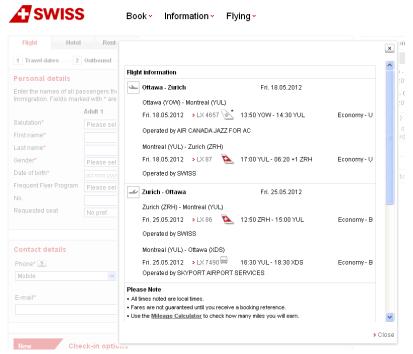


## Existing Intermodal Examples: Canada/Europe

#### Montréal/Trudeau -Brussels



#### Ottawa to Zurich



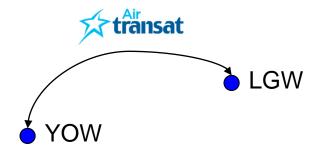
#### **Rail connection CDG**

#### **BUS connection YUL**



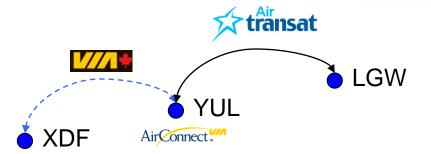
## Sample Benefits – Ottawa to London

**July 2012** 



- 4 flights operated by TS

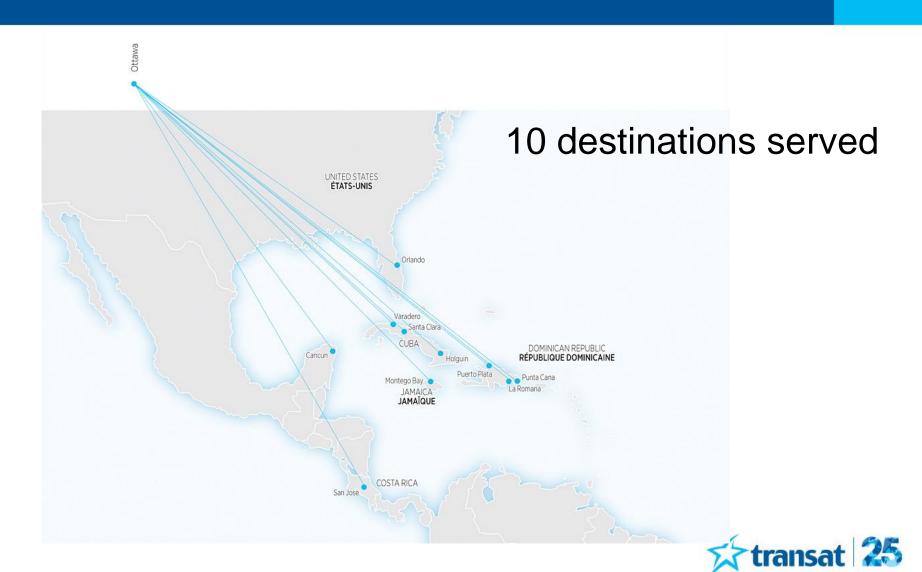
   (Air Transat) on the route
   in July 2012
- Operates on Tuesday
- 10 return options to Ottawa passengers



- 5 flights operated by TS (Air Transat) between YUL-LGW
- Operates on Sunday
- Opens up 45 options to Ottawa passengers



## Ottawa to south leisure destinations – Transat Holidays

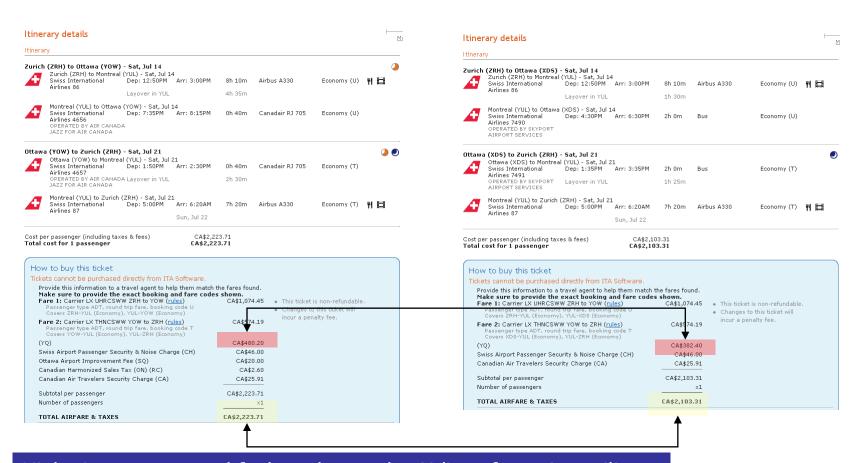


### **Carribean – Mexico and South America possibilities**



## Rail/Bus has price advantage!

Sample routing – same transatlantic flights – impact of fuel surcharge



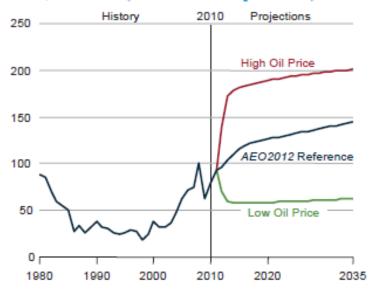
High airport taxes and fuel surcharges by Airlines favouring rail!



# Fuel price could drive change to the airline industry in Canada – Intermodality can play a role

- Forecasts of fuel prices show volatility could impact profits of airlines
- This could lead to network optimisation and great opportunities for air-rail connections.
- Competitiveness of intermodality will also appeal to customers faced with more expensive car driving to access airports.
- Further, should Montreal move to pay bridges/access across the road network, it would enhance the air-rail value proposition, including with transit network.

Figure 5. Average annual world oil prices in three cases, 1980-2035 (real 2010 dollars per barrel)



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