

## YQR Announces New Daily Non-Stop United Airlines Flight to Denver

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Regina, SK: James Bogusz, President and CEO of the Regina Airport Authority (RAA), is thrilled to announce a significant enhancement to the region's air travel options as travellers from Regina will now enjoy a new airline with a daily non-stop flight to Denver, Colorado through United Express, operated by SkyWest Airlines.

"We are incredibly excited to introduce this new daily non-stop service to Denver," said James Bogusz, President and CEO of the Regina Airport Authority. "This route strengthens Regina's position as the key gateway to southern Saskatchewan and demonstrates United Airlines' confidence in Saskatchewan's future. With United's extensive connections through Denver, this flight opens many new opportunities for personal and professional travel."

The new United Express flight will be operated by SkyWest Airlines using a 50-seat jet, offering passengers a comfortable and convenient connection to Denver International Airport. Known as a major hub, Denver provides access to a vast network of connecting flights to key destinations across North America, opening new opportunities for both business and leisure travellers in southern Saskatchewan.

"The new route from Regina to Denver will connect Saskatchewan to another major hub in the United States, which will lead to increased competitiveness and economic growth for the province," Minister of Trade and Export Development Warren Kaeding said. "I congratulate the Regina Airport Authority and SkyWest for making this new flight possible and increasing Saskatchewan's access to the United States and beyond."

United's daily non-stop service to Denver is scheduled to commence in May 2025, with tickets expected to go on sale on the evening of Thursday, December 19 at United.com. Additional details regarding flight schedules and booking options will be shared in the coming months.

"We are excited to bring this new United Express flight to Regina customers," said Cody Thomas, managing director of Market Development at SkyWest Airlines. "With just one flight from YQR, Regina passengers can easily connect to hundreds of destinations around the world on United's global network."

Tourism in the province is set to receive a welcome boost with this new flight. The Denver route will make Regina more accessible to visitors from across the United States and beyond, showcasing the rich cultural heritage, stunning landscapes, and unique experiences Saskatchewan has to offer.

Similarly, it provides Saskatchewan residents with convenient access to Colorado's world-class tourism, sports teams and outdoor recreation opportunities.

"We are thrilled to support the incentive program for this new direct flight to Denver. This strategic investment aligns with our mission to attract more out-of-town visitors, host events, and strengthen Regina's economy. A direct connection to Denver opens up opportunities for international travellers, making it easier to get here, helping us fill our member hotels and enhancing Regina's position as a premier hosting destination in Canada," said Sandra Jackle, President & CEO of the Regina Hotel Association.



The introduction of this daily non-stop service is expected to generate significant economic benefits for Regina and the surrounding region. Increased connectivity will foster business growth by facilitating smoother travel for local companies and attracting investment from abroad.

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