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NON-STOP SERVICE BEGINS TO CALGARY FROM JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

*Giddy up, WestJet's inaugural flight departs June 13
with the help of some special friends*

SANTA ANA, Calif. – John Wayne Airport, Tourism Calgary, Anaheim/Orange County Visitor & Convention Bureau, Travel Alberta and WestJet celebrate new, [non-stop international service](#) from Orange County to [Calgary, Alberta](#), Canada today.

David Cowley and his trusty steed Spencer check in to inaugural flight to Calgary from John Wayne Airport.

To kick off the inaugural flight and a summer of [adventure in Calgary](#), Cowboy David Cowley and Spencer, 'checked in' for [WestJet's](#) first flight. After checking in, a few special guests stopped by to take photos and say 'howdy' to the departing crowd.



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Snoopy greets passengers arriving into Orange County from Calgary.

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Additional images and video of the festivities will be available after 3 p.m. PST:

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“We’re thrilled to have WestJet launch a second, daily non-stop flight from John Wayne Airport,” said Alan L. Murphy, Airport Director. “Having another link between Orange County and Canada brings exciting new opportunities for travelers.”

John Wayne Airport, WestJet and tourism staff celebrated in true western spirit, wearing cowboy hats and bandanas, as they distributed special promotional and give-away items to passengers traveling at John Wayne Airport that day.

“We are excited about this partnership. These flights will make it easier for travelers from Orange County to experience the breadth of adventures that await them in Calgary,” says Gisele Danis, Vice President of Marketing with Tourism Calgary. “Travelers can enjoy the many festivals including the Calgary Stampede and the adrenaline adventures available to them this summer.”

“Alberta is the premiere four season’s destination for travelers looking to experience breathtaking landscapes and world class activities,” said Bruce Okabe, CEO, Travel Alberta. “We are so very pleased to be partnering with WestJet and look forward to welcoming all travelers who want to experience the goosebump moments our Province has to offer.”

The celebrating continued at the gate as Orange County partners welcomed first arriving passengers from Calgary. Knott’s Berry Farm’s Snoopy and Charlie Brown were on hand to provide a friendly Orange County welcome to the adults and children alike.

WestJet – a pioneer of low-cost flying in Canada – began service at John Wayne Airport in May with daily non-stop flights to Vancouver, British Columbia and now offers daily non-stop service to Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Passengers traveling south from Canada to the United States will be able to take advantage of the customs preclearance system in Canada.

WestJet flight schedules are as follows:

Effective June 13, 2011

Depart Orange County (SNA) at 12:30 p.m.

Arrive Calgary (YYC) at 4:35 p.m.

Depart Orange County (SNA) at 2:15 p.m.

Arrive Vancouver (YVR) at 5:05 p.m.

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John Wayne Airport (SNA) is a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the County of Orange with ten airlines offering service to more than twenty non-stop destinations in the United States and Canada and serving nearly nine million passengers annually.

Calgary is the Canada's fourth largest city and one of Canada's top urban travel destinations attracting more than 4.7 million visitors annually.

Alberta is located in western Canada, just a three hour direct flight from Orange County. It is framed by the majestic Rocky Mountains to the west and vast rolling prairies to the east. Filled with unique activities, Alberta is an exceptional vacation destination worth experiencing. Book your summer package to Alberta prior to June 30 at: <http://www.albertaisfortravelers.com>

Celebrating 15 years in business, WestJet offers scheduled service throughout its 71-city North American and Caribbean network. WestJet operates a fleet of 96 Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft offering increased legroom, leather seats and live seatback television.