
Air Canada adds new chef consultant

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Air Canada's route between Montreal and Tokyo-Narita will see the first meals from Chef Antonio Park [Air Canada](#) last week announced a partnership with Canadian Chef Antonio Park to prepare meals that will be exclusively featured on select Air Canada flights to Asia and South America.

"Chef Park's designs will complement Chef [David Hawksworth](#)'s and will guide Air Canada's flight caterers in creating a selection of meal options on international flights, starting with Montreal-Tokyo-Narita, a route that links two cities he has called home," said a release from Air Canada.

Canadian ingredients and Japanese techniques will be part of the onboard experience, said Park. "The future of this world is education and you have to share your knowledge. This is a new chapter for the PARK restaurant family and myself. Thank you, Air Canada, for making a dream come true. Bon appétit!"

Roll-out of Park's menu starts with meals on board flights between Montreal and Tokyo-Narita followed by flights from Toronto to Tokyo-Haneda, Vancouver to Tokyo-Narita, and flights from Montreal to Sao Paulo in the fall. In 2020, Park's meals will also be available on flights to Hong Kong, Seoul, Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei, Sao Paulo (from Toronto), Santiago and Buenos Aires, and seasonal

flights from Calgary to Tokyo-Narita and Vancouver to Osaka.

Chef Park's options will be available in Signature, Premium Economy and Economy Class on all flights from Canada to Japan and exclusively in Signature Class on all other flights departing Canada to Asia and South America.

The vision Chef Antonio Park brings to Air Canada is inspired by his culinary journey, beginning with his Korean mother's kitchen while growing up in Argentina, and his training under Japanese cooking masters.

Park worked in Japan, New York, Toronto, and Montreal before opening his first restaurant, [Park](#), in Montreal in 2012. Park has won many awards in Canada and has been recognized multiple times as "Chef of the Year." Park has made the World's 50 Best and ranked in the top 10/20 on Canada's 100 Best list in consecutive years. Park has been a judge on Food Network Canada's *Chopped*, and as a guest judge on *Top Chef Canada*.

A video of the introduction of Park to Air Canada's team of chefs can be found [here](#).