

# News Release

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## Viva Las Vegas... in broad daylight

Forget about late night flights to Las Vegas from Kelowna International Airport (YLW). Passengers flying on WestJet can now fly to and from Las Vegas (LAS) in the early afternoon.

“This is such an ideal time of day to fly,” says Airport Director Sam Samaddar. “Las Vegas is a major U.S. hub served by most major airlines. Southwest Airlines alone has more than 200 flights a day out of Las Vegas. The business traveller is able to catch connecting flights easier. As well, those flying from Las Vegas can be on the Okanagan ski hills well before dinner.”

WestJet has offered seasonal scheduled flights between YLW and LAS for the past five years, however the service was usually only available between January and April, with flights leaving Kelowna at 10 p.m. and returning at 4 a.m.

Today, WestJet offers its Las Vegas service for six months beginning November 2 and ending April 30, flying on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2:15 p.m. and returning to YLW at 1:25 p.m.

To officially kick off today’s day-time service, the 103 passengers booked on the first flight were surprised to be entertained by an Elvis impersonator and received a slice of cake while waiting in the U.S. departures room prior to takeoff.

With 95 flights a week at YLW, WestJet brings passengers from Las Vegas, Puerto Vallarta, Cancun, Los Cabos, Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa on non-stop or same plane service. WestJet has been serving YLW since 1996 as one of its first start-up bases.

For more information on flights to and from YLW, visit [ylw.kelowna.ca](http://ylw.kelowna.ca) and click on *Where do we fly*.

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### Downloadable photos

#### Cake cutting:

(l-r) Airport Ambassador Gayle Beltran, YLW WestJet Station Manager Bryce Gibbs and Elvis (Darrell Roebuck) cut in to the Las Vegas cake for passengers on the first day-time flight out of Kelowna to Las Vegas.

<http://www.kelowna.ca/CityPage/Images/%5CCommunications/Cake%20cutting.jpg>

#### Vegas Cake close-up:

<http://www.kelowna.ca/CityPage/Images/%5CCommunications/Vegas%20Cake.jpg>