

TRAVEL AND HOSPITALITY

Adding partners **without expanding** PCI audit scope

How Air Canada Vacations integrates new booking partners without growing its PCI compliance footprint.

CUSTOMER AIR CANADA VACATIONS

SECTOR TRAVEL AND HOSPITALITY

CAPABILITY PAYMENT CARD TOKENIZATION



01 · EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A tactical fix that became a strategy

Air Canada Vacations already had a PCI compliant payment card tokenization provider in place. But when a new third-party booking partner needed to be integrated, they faced a technical dilemma: how to quickly add a new partner to their payment ecosystem without expanding their PCI compliance audit scope.

Air Canada Vacations chose DataStealth to provide additional solutions to secure this new partner integration. It worked so well that they now look to DataStealth to secure all of their future integrations.

The outcome

DataStealth was deployed between Air Canada Vacations and each new partner, tokenizing real payment card data before any cardholder data reaches their internal environments, detokenizing after it leaves for the payment processor.

The compliance win

Because tokenization occurs before cardholder data reaches the environment, and detokenization happens after it leaves, PCI compliance scope remains unchanged even as new partners are added.

What started as a tactical initiative evolved into a strategic approach to growth, with new capabilities, reduced friction, and no additional audit burden.

02 · THE CHALLENGE

Integrating a partner without impacting audit scope

Air Canada Vacations needed to integrate with a third-party booking partner without impacting PCI audit scope or adding any technical debt.

ATTRIBUTE	DETAIL
Company	Air Canada Vacations
Industry	Travel and hospitality
Overview	A subsidiary of Air Canada and one of Canada leading tour operators



WHY SCOPE STAYS FLAT

Cardholder data is tokenized before it reaches the Air Canada Vacations environment and detokenized only after it leaves for the processor. The internal environment therefore never stores, processes, or transmits real card data, no matter how many partners are added.

03 · BENEFITS DELIVERED

Growth without audit drag

PCI scope that does not balloon

DataStealth is a PCI DSS Level 1 provider, offering an Attestation of Compliance and RACI to confirm offloaded responsibilities.

Future proofing

The same deployment scales to new use cases and partners as the ecosystem expands.

Faster integrations

New partners are added through configuration, not development.

De risked data flows

Only tokens reach downstream systems, so real card data never enters the environments.

Data sovereignty

Hosted in Canadian data centres, monitored 24 by 7, with a 99.99% uptime target.

Improved efficiency

Automated protection accelerates onboarding and streamlines audit preparation.

Add partners, not audit scope

Talk to us about integrating new payment partners without expanding your PCI compliance footprint or taking on technical debt.

- PCI DSS Level 1 provider
- AoC and RACI supplied
- Canadian data centres
- Partners added by configuration

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