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Virgin Australia celebrates the launch of three new Gold Coast services ^[2]



- Today Virgin Australia's first Launceston-Gold Coast service will touch down at 8.25pm.
- The seasonal service will operate 3 times per week and allow for up to 4,200 passengers each month to travel between the two cities.
- It comes ahead of the commencement of the Cairns – Gold Coast service which kicks off on Thursday 9 December, which will operate up to daily services and transport up to 9,850 passengers each month.
- The inaugural Hobart – Gold Coast service launches on Monday 13 December and will run 4 times per week and add 5,630 seats to Virgin Australia's domestic network.
- Since September Virgin Australia has added 15 additional services to its network.
- All Virgin Australia fares include Velocity Frequent Flyer Points and up to double Status Credits[^] as part of an ongoing loyalty promotion.
- Passengers can change or cancel to travel credit with no fees for all domestic travel up to 30 April 2022*.

Tuesday 7 December 2021: Virgin Australia is today celebrating the first of three new Gold Coast routes, kicking off with the inaugural Launceston – Gold Coast service which will touch down for the first time in the Sunshine State tonight.

Today's inaugural service will be closely followed by the daily Cairns – Gold Coast year round

service which is launching on Thursday, followed by Hobart – Gold Coast which will commence on 13 December and will operate 4 times per week until 30 January 2022.

Virgin Australia Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer Alistair Hartley said the services will add over 19,000 seats each month to Virgin Australia's domestic network, which has welcomed 15 additional routes since September.

"We see these new Gold Coast services as a vote of confidence in the Queensland tourism sector and the aviation industry as a whole," Mr Hartley said.

"We're proud to be supporting Queenslanders, the local economy, and also proud to see more of our crew returning to the skies."

Queensland Tourism Minister Stirling Hinchliffe welcomed the expansion of Virgin Australia's Gold Coast flight schedule.

"The Palaszczuk Government understands the importance of aviation to the recovery of Queensland's tourism industry," Mr Hinchliffe said.

"That's why we're continuing to support Queensland airports to get flights back in the air to the State's visitor destinations.

"Virgin Australia's new services to the Gold Coast and Cairns are terrific news for tourism operators and local visitor economies.

"Whether you're reuniting with family and friends over Christmas or looking forward to a holiday getaway, Virgin Australia's commitment to new flights makes Queensland the place to be this summer."

Queensland Airports Limited CEO Chris Mills said Virgin Australia had significantly expanded its presence on the Gold Coast and these services were part of an overall capacity increase – ready for the reopening of the Queensland border.

"It is particularly pleasing as we start to rebuild, that Virgin Australia is prioritising the Gold Coast as a key destination," he said.

"It shows the strength of the region and reinforces our belief that people are keen to come back here as soon as the Queensland border reopens to NSW, Victoria and the ACT.

"It also highlights the growth of the Gold Coast itself and the increasing number of locals that are keen to book their next holiday."

Destination Gold Coast CEO Patricia O'Callaghan said the three new services would bolster the Gold Coast's economic recovery as the city gears up for an expected bumper summer season.

"Summer is an ideal time to visit the Gold Coast and experience our warm climate, theme parks and attractions, unrivalled dining scene, rainforest hinterland and stretch of pristine beaches," she said.

"We are thrilled to have partnered with the Queensland Government, Gold Coast Airport, City of Gold Coast and Virgin Australia to connect more Australians, more easily, than ever before."

NEW SERVICES:

Route	Commencement date	Frequency	Seats per month
Cairns – Gold Coast // Gold Coast – Cairns	9 December 2021	Up to daily service	9,856
Launceston – Gold Coast // Gold Coast – Launceston (seasonal service only)	7 December 2021	3 times per week (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday)	4,224
Hobart – Gold Coast // Gold Coast – Hobart (seasonal service only)	13 December 2021	4 times per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday)	5,632

*Seasonal services. Launceston-Gold Coast between 07 December 2021 – 25 April 2022. Hobart-Gold Coast between 13 Dec 2021 – 30 Jan 2022.

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*Changes must be made prior to travel date. Fare differences may apply. Cancellations with refund to other forms of payment as per fare rules. See virginaustralia.com for terms and conditions.

^Bonus Status Credits

Promotion is valid between 12:01am AEST 01 October 2021 to 11:59pm AEDT 31 March 2022 (inclusive). For more information on Status Credits and bonus earn rates, visit [here](#) [3]. Terms and conditions and exclusions apply, visit [here](#) [4] for full terms and conditions.

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