

## [Virgin Australia ready for Christmas rush with 150 extra flights](#) [2]



Virgin Australia is ramping up for one of the busiest times of the year by going above and beyond for all travellers these Christmas holidays. The airline will help nearly two million passengers get to their destinations, and has also added over 150 extra flights to popular domestic and international locations to cater to the increased demand.

During the month of December, Virgin Australia will:

- ? Fly nearly 2 million passengers to 58 destinations;
- ? Operate nearly 14,000 domestic and international flights;
- ? Carry more than 1.1 million pieces of luggage; and
- ? Transport around 9,000 pets around the country.

For the first time, guests in Virgin Australia's lounges will be served a traditional Christmas spread on Christmas Day. Guests can dine on roast turkey with stuffing and cranberry sauce, marmalade glazed leg ham with mustard gravy, roast vegetables, steamed greens and warm mini fruit puddings with brandy custard.

During the Christmas period, guests in all Virgin Australia lounges will be served:

- ? 120,000 fruit mince pies;

- ? 90,000 turkey and cranberry rolls;
- ? 80,000 chocolate elves; and
- ? 500kg of Christmas cookies.

On Christmas Day alone, Virgin Australia will serve more than 4,500 herb-roasted Turkey meals, while 7,000 bottles of bubbly will be popped over the Christmas period.

For Business Class guests, Virgin Australia resident chef Luke Mangan and his team are busy preparing some fine fare to serve on board including:

- ? 12,000 gingerbread stars; and
- ? 1,000 hot herb-roasted Turkey meals with chestnut stuffing and vegetables.

Virgin Australia will also be helping families to take their four legged friends away on holidays, with more than 9,000 cats and dogs expected to fly, as well as more than 100 rescue dogs due to be transported to new homes.

Velocity members will also be taking advantage of the program's award-winning redemption ability, with more than 65,000 Reward Seats being flown over the period.

Please find our Christmas video below and a link to it [here](#) [3]

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