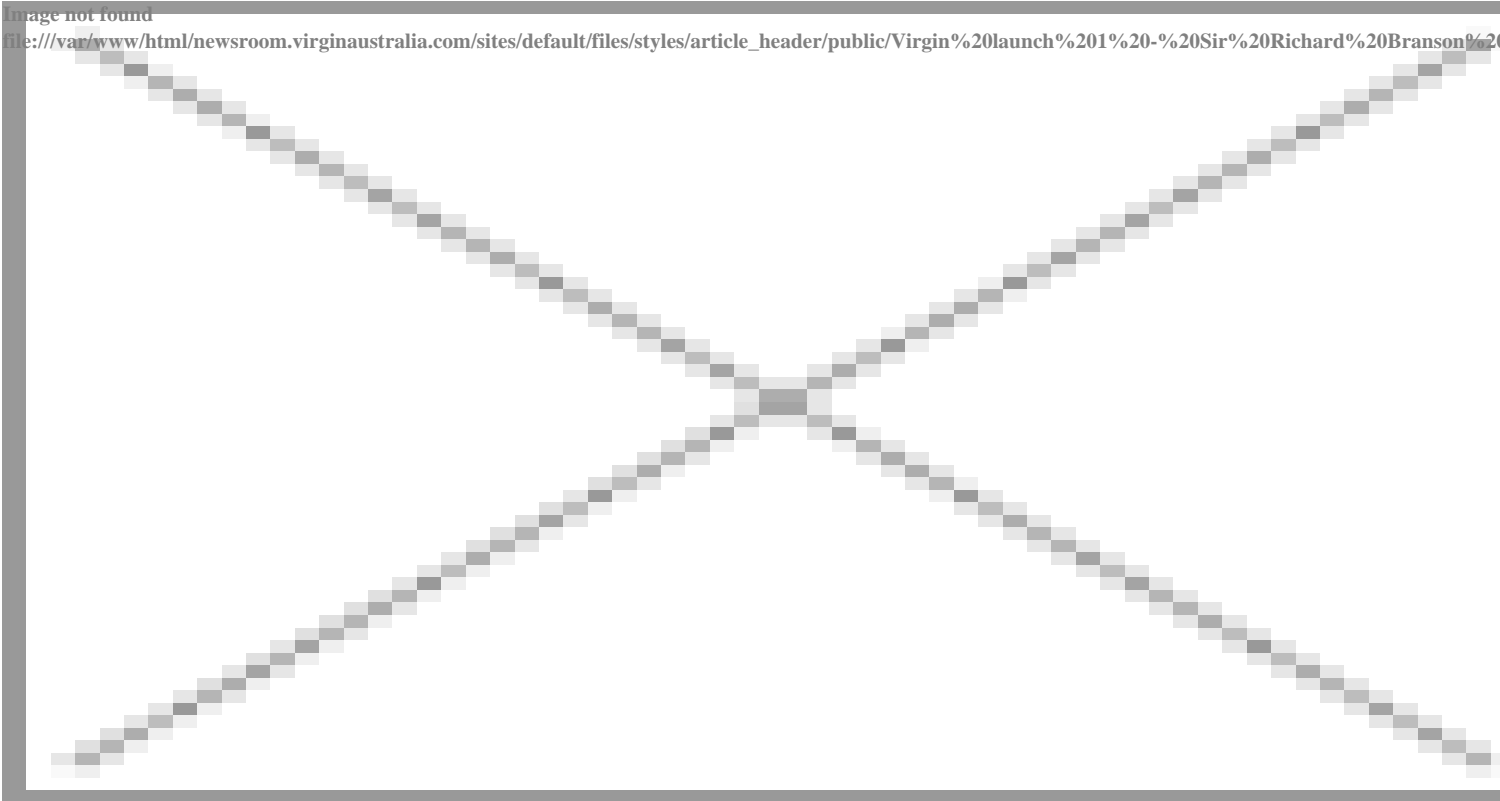


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[Virgin Australia announces Sydney - Hong Kong flights](#) [2]



Virgin Australia today announced plans to launch flights between Sydney and Hong Kong, increasing the airline's presence into Greater China.

Subject to authorisation, Virgin Australia plans to operate daily return services between the two cities with its dual aisle Airbus A330-200 aircraft, featuring 'The Business', which has been named the world's best Business Class for two consecutive years¹.

The announcement comes just seven months after Virgin Australia commenced its inaugural flights to Hong Kong from Melbourne, bringing choice and competition on this route.

Virgin Australia Group CEO, John Borghetti, said: "Expanding our presence into Greater China is a key pillar of our international strategy, and today we are building on the positive momentum created since the launch of our Melbourne-Hong Kong flights.

"The new Sydney-Hong Kong service will link two global destinations and will allow Virgin Australia to further access the fastest growing and most valuable Australian inbound market, China², with our alliance partner Hong Kong Airlines. The service will also connect with Virgin Atlantic Airway's flights to London.

"Virgin Australia has been "shaking up" the Australia-Hong Kong market by introducing lower fares and its award-winning inflight product and service since it began its first Melbourne-Hong Kong flight last year,"

Mr Borghetti said.

Virgin Australia plans to commence services between Sydney and Hong Kong in mid-2018, subject to relevant approvals.

Sydney-Hong Kong flights will go on sale soon.

Sydney to Hong Kong Schedule³

Route	Flight Number	Dep/Arr	Day of the Week
SYD-HKG	VA89	1000/1740	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
HKG-SYD	VA88	1950/0710 (+1)	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun

Melbourne to Hong Kong Schedule (effective mid-2018)

Route	Flight Number	Dep/Arr	Day of the Week
MEL-HKG	VA85	0030/0810	Mon, Tues, Thu, Sat, Sun
HKG-MEL	VA84	1810/0540 (+1)	Tues, Thu, Sat, Sun
HKG-MEL	VA84	1915/0645 (+1)	Mon

¹‘The Business’ was named Best Business Class 2017 and 2018 by global ratings agency, AirlineRatings.com.

² According to Tourism Australia’s Greater China Country Profile.

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