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- An extra 17 domestic routes available for flying by 4 August 2020
- Includes resumption of flights to Newcastle, Hobart, Launceston, Darwin, Alice Springs, Hamilton Island, Maroochydore, Ballina, Coffs Harbour, Proserpine, and Mount Isa

2 July 2020: Virgin Australia is opening up more travel options for Australians, with the airline resuming domestic flights on 17 more routes, taking travellers to just under 30 local destinations by early August.

Virgin Australia Group Chief Commercial Officer, John MacLeod, said: “Travel is back on the agenda for many Australians and we’re happy to be able to resume flights to a number of holiday destinations in Queensland, Northern New South Wales and the Northern Territory. As borders begin to re-open, we also want to ensure we have great value flights available for guests to book their next trip.

“We’re pleased to have continued our collaborative effort with the Federal Government to re-introduce some services as we start to see confidence return, and as each State and Territory comes closer to finalising their plans for the easing of restrictions and the reopening of borders.

“Many of our aircraft have been parked and our teams are preparing them to return to the skies, and with the increase in flights we’re announcing today, we’re looking forward to serving our guests as they travel to visit family and friends, or take a well-deserved break,” he said.

Virgin Australia has also introduced additional safety and wellbeing measures to minimise risks associated with COVID-19, and to help guests feel comfortable and confident when flying.

The new measures, which have been developed in collaboration with other Australian airlines and airports as part of the Australian Aviation Recovery Coalition include pre-departure health screening, contactless check-in, sequenced boarding and disembarkation, and more frequent cleaning and hygiene procedures.

Further information regarding the new safety and wellbeing measures can be found on Virgin Australia’s website here: <https://travel.virginaustralia.com/au/coronavirus-update/health-wellbeing> [3].

Flights are available now at virginaustralia.com and guests can book with confidence knowing they can change their travel date or destination with no change fee, for domestic bookings made up to 30 September 2020.

One-way fares on key leisure routes such as Sydney-Ballina start from just \$89, Brisbane-Newcastle from \$119, Brisbane-Proserpine and Adelaide-Sydney both from \$135, and Sydney-Hobart from \$139.

Click here to view more detail on the Virgin Australia website:
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