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Newsroom

Jetstar and the 787 make Australian aviation history

A new chapter of Australian aviation began today with Jetstar’s first commercial Boeing 787 Dreamliner service taking to the skies.

Passengers onboard JQ432 from Melbourne to the Gold Coast are the first of thousands of Jetstar customers booked to fly on the game changing aircraft over the next few weeks.

Jetstar Group CEO Jayne Hrdlicka said the flight marked a significant milestone for the airline, creating another Australian aviation first.

“Today, we celebrate Jetstar being the first low fares airline in Asia Pacific to start commercial 787 services,” Ms Hrdlicka said.

“Our customers will experience a step change in their comfort onboard and fly on the most modern and passenger friendly aircraft available.

“From improvements to the cabin pressure, to more natural light and more space for cabin baggage, I am sure the 787 will become a destination in itself for the thousands of Jetstar customers.

“An enormous amount of work and dedication from across Jetstar and the broader Qantas Group has been key to introducing this aircraft.

“The 787’s lower fuel costs will help ensure Jetstar delivers on its mission to provide more customers with the opportunity to travel than ever before.”

During the next four weeks, Jetstar will operate daily return 787 services from Melbourne to Cairns and six weekly return services from Melbourne to the Gold Coast before the first international flight takes off for Bali on December 18.

Customers wanting to get a sneak peek of Jetstar’s 787 can see its features and book tickets here.

The Jetstar Boeing 787 will carry 335 passengers and feature a 21 seat business class cabin and 314 seats in economy with inflight entertainment available in every seat.

Jetstar expects to have three 787s operating early next year and an all 787 long haul fleet by 2015.


Arrival of Jetstar’s 787s will see existing A330s transferred to Qantas, following a refit of the cabins. This will enable the progressive retirement of Qantas’ Boeing 767 fleet by mid-2015.

About Jetstar

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Jetstar first took to the skies in 2004 and has since flown more than 350 million customers across an extensive international and domestic network. The Jetstar Group is made up of Jetstar Airways (subsidiary of the Qantas Group) in Australia and New Zealand, Jetstar Asia in Singapore, and Jetstar Japan in Japan. A leading low-fares airline, Jetstar is committed to offering everyday low fares to enable more people to fly to more places, more often. As one of Asia Pacific’s fastest-growing airline brands, Jetstar was voted Best Low-Cost Airline in Asia Pacific in 2021 and was recognized for its excellent flight safety records and services when listed on the "2022 World's Top 10 LCC" released by Airline Ratings.




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