



13 December 2024

Share Post Like 0

Newsroom

Jetstar expands Sunshine Coast network with new flights to Auckland

Friday, 13 December 2024: Jetstar's first flight from the Sunshine Coast (Maroochydore) to Auckland takes off today, offering the only year-round service between the two cities and boosting tourism economies on both sides of the Tasman.

With up to three flights per week on the airline's fleet of Airbus A320 aircraft, the new route will add nearly 60,000 low fares seats for travellers every year.

It's the first time Jetstar will operate an international service from the Sunshine Coast and the second new route the low-cost carrier has launched from Maroochydore in the past fortnight, with flights to Cairns taking off last Tuesday.

Jetstar's Executive Manager, Customer, Jenn Armor said the airline is excited to be growing its network from the Sunshine Coast.

"The Sunshine Coast is one of Jetstar's most popular destinations and it's great to be launching these new routes and bringing more people to this beautiful part of the world," Ms Armor said.

"The new service will not only benefit tourists, but it will also help connect the Sunshine Coast's large population of Kiwi ex-pats with their home country.

"We thank the Queensland Government and Sunshine Coast Airport for their commitment to low fares travel."

Sunshine Coast Airport CEO Chris Mills was delighted to welcome Jetstar's new Auckland to Sunshine Coast service.

"Jetstar linking the Sunshine Coast and Auckland year-round is a significant milestone for our community. We are already seeing strong passenger demand on future services helping grow both tourism and local business here on the Coast," Mr Mills said.

"New Zealand visitors are an essential part of our tourism economy. We're excited to now offer them year-round services to access everything the Sunshine Coast has to offer.

"This route not only opens doors for Kiwi travellers but also provides Sunshine Coast locals with more affordable and direct access to Auckland and onwards to New Zealand's many tourism destinations.

"I want to thank Jetstar, the Queensland Government and our tourism partners for helping make today possible."

Minister for the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation Andrew Powell said this flight enables better access between the Sunshine Coast and Auckland, which will significantly benefit the region.

"These regular flights, supported through the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund, are expected to create more than 29,000 new inbound seats each year to the Sunshine Coast.

"Queensland welcomes the most visitors from New Zealand than any other country in the world, so we are proud to prioritise making this travel as easy and direct as possible.

"Our Kiwi neighbours can now get from the tarmac to the beaches quicker than ever, whether staying in Maroochydore or Noosa. Our 20-year tourism plan focuses on improving our accessibility and connectivity to the rest of the world, and this is a great example of this in action."

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Auckland to Sunshine Coast (Maroochydore)

From 13 December 2024*

Flight	Frequency	From	To	Depart	Arrive
JQ176	Tue, Fri, Sun	AKL	MCY	6:15	06:45
JQ175	Tue, Fri, Sun	MCY	AKL	08:00	14:10

Media contact

- Jetstar AU & NZ Media
jetstarmedia@jet...
- Jetstar Asia Media (Singapore)
media@jetstarasi...
- Jetstar Japan Media
JapanPR@jetstar...

Share this page

Jetstar expands Sunshine Coast network with new flights to Auckland

Twitter Facebook LinkedIn

Social media

LinkedIn Twitter

Latest news

08 Dec 2025 - [Jetstar to launch Australia's only low-cost direct flights to Sri Lanka, with fares from just \\$315^](#)

Progress indicator: 1 of 5 items active