

QATAR AIRWAYS FLY TO SYDNEY AS BILATERAL IS RELAXED.

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A week after the Australian government granted the State of Qatar – and therefore **Qatar Airways** – a long-sought capacity increase, Qatar Airways has wasted no time and announced a daily Doha-Sydney service from 01-Mar-2016 on the 777-300ER. This finally places Qatar in Australia's largest city, complementing existing daily services to Melbourne and Perth.

The generous-sounding 50% capacity increase means an additional seven weekly flights to primary gateways for a total of 21 for Qatar. This compares to Emirates' 84 weekly flights to primary gateways. Qatar's scheduled seat capacity into Australia will be 17% the size of Emirates and 44% the size of Etihad. Although Qatar will finally add [Sydney](#) to its network, it faces some challenges making European connections work due to its hub structure. One disadvantage it may face too is on-carriage. [Qantas](#) – which partners extensively with Emirates – does not carry Qatar's code on any of its services and Etihad and [Virgin Australia](#) are partners.

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