



QATAR AIRWAYS TO FLY DOHA-SYDNEY DAILY

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Qatar Airways has today announced daily direct services from Doha to Sydney starting from 1st March 2016, the third Australian city in the Qatar Airways network.

Currently, the Doha-based carrier operates daily non-stop flights to Melbourne and Perth with a total of 14 services each week.

Australia, with its stunning landscape of idyllic beaches and famous interior, along with its rich history and culture, draws millions of visitors each year. The most populous city of Sydney, with its ocean-side location, sandy beaches, and iconic attractions like the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge is one of Australia's and the world's top business and tourist destinations, and Sydney will undoubtedly be a popular addition to Qatar Airways' rapidly growing network.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker said: "We are delighted to debut our daily Sydney flights next March. The expansion of our Australia services will undoubtedly boost and strengthen the trade and commercial links that exist between Qatar and Australia, setting the stage for even more robust partnership opportunities in the near future. We look forward to carrying more travellers to and from Australia across our extensive global network and providing them with another world-class experience both on board and on the ground at the state-of-the-art Hamad International Airport in Doha."

The evening departure timings in both directions provide convenient travel times for passengers, and enhance connectivity to attractive business and leisure destinations across Qatar Airways' ever-expanding global network.

"We're looking forward to welcoming Qatar Airways to Sydney Airport. As Skytrax's 2015 Airline of

the Year, Qatar Airways will provide passengers with a quality product and greater connectivity to destinations around the world," said Sydney Airport Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Kerrie Mather.

"The new daily service will significantly boost inbound tourism to New South Wales (NSW), as well as create an estimated 3,000 jobs, including 2,500 in NSW, and contribute over \$240 million to the Australian economy. Qatar Airways' service will also provide greater air cargo access to the Middle East and the growing Qatar market, which is great for NSW exports."

The Doha-Sydney daily flights will be operated with a Boeing 777-300 aircraft.

The national airline of Qatar was named the world's best carrier at the 2015 Skytrax Awards earlier in June, marking the third time the airline has won this accolade. Most recently, the airline was also awarded the 'Best for Business' award and named runner-up as the readers' choice for 'Leisure Long-haul Travel' by Condé Nast Traveller.

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