



Qatar Airways boosts Adelaide flight frequency, putting South Australia at the top of the holiday list for international visitors

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Qatar Airways' Adelaide service also flies direct to Auckland, with expansion providing greater connection between South Australia and New Zealand

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ADELAIDE, Australia – Qatar Airways is boosting its growing network with increased flight frequency on its Adelaide service from 1 July. The airline is expanding the Doha-Adelaide route from three to five flights per week, providing greater connectivity for South Australia to the world.

Qatar Airways began its services to Adelaide in 2016 — flying the first Airbus A350 into Australia. Now operated by a B777-300ER, the route flies from Doha to Adelaide and onwards to Auckland. With the addition of the two weekly flights, the carrier will operate 38 weekly flights to Australia. The expansion will also improve accessibility to South Australia for New Zealand visitors.

Qatar Airways Vice President of Sales for Southeast Asia, Southwest Pacific & Indian Subcontinent, Jared Lee said: “We are excited to increase flights to Adelaide, highlighting our ongoing commitment to the South Australian market. The Australia and New Zealand region continues to be an area of strong growth for Qatar Airways, and expanding this service will support the development of the economy and tourism sector in both countries.”

“Not only do we continue to rebuild our network after the pandemic, but we are actively expanding it as travel restrictions ease. This is the latest in a series of enhancements to our Australian network this year, and we will no doubt continue to make upgrades as we expand our services further.”

South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas said: “As the world opens up, it is fantastic to see access to South Australia grow and to hear travel demand is booming. It was only two months ago when Qatar Airways expanded its flight schedule into South Australia, tagging its Doha-Auckland service through Adelaide, and already, it is increasing these services to our once fourth largest international market to meet strong demand. On top of this, we’re seeing more domestic flights being scheduled than prior to the pandemic, helping drive hotel occupancy in our CBD to the highest of any major city across Australia and New Zealand. More flights mean more leisure and business visitors, increased freight capacity and greater connectivity for our state to the world, helping grow jobs and our economy.”

Adelaide Airport Managing Director, Brenton Cox, said the service increase was great news for customers travelling between Adelaide and both Doha and Auckland.



"We're excited to see further growth in our international network, and the timing of this announcement couldn't be better with Australia qualifying for the FIFA World Cup later this year," Mr Cox said.

"Flights to Doha offer excellent connections to European destinations, while the onward services from Adelaide to Auckland are proving very popular. It's also great news for our local exporters seeking aviation freight links either to New Zealand or to Doha and on to major trading partners around the globe."

Qatar Airways introduced the Adelaide-Auckland flight route in April, in line with the opening of New Zealand's borders. Earlier this year, the airline doubled its Brisbane service, now operating seven flights per week, as well as expanding its Perth service to include daily flights to and from Doha.

Qatar Airways has maintained its Australian routes throughout the pandemic, whilst launching services to Brisbane to provide essential global connectivity. It has carried over 330,000 passengers in and out of Australia since March 2020 via both commercial flights and special chartered services.

The national carrier of the State of Qatar continues to rebuild its network, which currently stands at over 150 destinations. With more frequencies being added to key hubs, Qatar Airways offers unrivalled connectivity to passengers, making it easy for them to connect to a destination of their choice.

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Flight schedule starting 1 July:

Route	Flight	Aircraft*	Dep*	Arr*	Frequency
Doha - Adelaide	QR914	B777-300ER	01:25	20:50	Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
Adelaide - Auckland	QR914	B777-300ER	22:20	05:00+1	Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
Auckland - Adelaide	QR915	B777-300ER	15:45	18:0	Fri, Sat, Sun
Auckland - Adelaide	QR915	B777-300ER	18:20	20:45	Mon, Wed
Adelaide - Doha	QR915	B777-300ER	20:20	03:40+1	Fri, Sat, Sun
Adelaide - Doha	QR915	B777-300ER	22:20	05:40+1	Mon, Wed

*All times local. Schedules and aircraft types are subject to change due to operational reasons.



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About Qatar Airways:

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Qatar Airways currently flies to more than 150 destinations worldwide, connecting through its Doha hub, Hamad International Airport, voted by Skytrax as the 'World's Best Airport'.

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