

In Brief - International Aviation News

Northern Winter (November 2011 – March 2012)

Below is a brief of international updates received from airlines servicing Queensland.



- The Qantas group announced their international restructure on 16th August 2011. This restructure includes the formation of a joint venture with Japan Airlines and Mitsubishi Corporation of Jetstar Japan. A low cost carrier to be based in Japan with potential operations from Osaka and Tokyo (Narita). These operations will have the potential to link visitors with the existing Jetstar services between Osaka and Tokyo (Narita) to Cairns and the Gold Coast.
- The Qantas Group will also set up a new premium airline in Asia. Further details on this airline will be announced at a later date.
- Qantas announced the progressive increase of their Sydney-Dallas-Brisbane-Sydney flight from 4 times weekly to a daily flight. It will move to 6 times weekly from 15 January and daily from 1 July 2012.
- Qantas is launching two new reconfigured Boeing 747 aircraft servicing Los Angeles-Brisbane route by the end of 2011. The number of seats per flight will decrease by approximately 20% from 412 to 364 with more space and fully flat Skybed seats added to their Business Class.



- Jetstar announced that the Auckland-Cairns service would be suspended during the low season beginning on 8 November. Jetstar indicated that the service is to be reinstated on 31 March 2012.
- Jetstar announced that they would suspend the twice weekly Gold Coast-Queenstown service from 8 November 2011.
- Jetstar reduced frequency between Christchurch and Brisbane from 7 to 3 per week from December 2011.
- Jetstar reduced capacity between Osaka (Kansai) and Gold Coast from 23rd December through replacing their direct services on day 1 and 5 with a one-stop service that expanded to include Sydney.



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- China Southern increased the frequency of their Guangzhou-Brisbane services to four per week and expanded the route to include Beijing. This is a 33% increase in the number of flights per week. This is one year after China Southern introduced Brisbane to its international schedule. The commencement of three flights per week departing Guangzhou are the first direct services between China and Queensland in over a decade.



- Virgin Australia and Delta Air Lines announced key changes to their Pacific operations with codeshare services on sale effective immediately for travel from 06 November 2011. Delta will add its code to all V Australia flights from Los Angeles to Brisbane.



- Air Asia X reduced frequencies between Kuala Lumpur and Gold Coast from daily flights to 5 per week on 15 August 2011. This represents a decrease of 766 seats per week into Gold Coast.



- The approval of a partnership between Pacific Blue and Air Zealand has seen the two carriers work together to coordinate Trans-Tasman schedules. Pacific Blue increased the frequency of its Wellington-Brisbane service from 7 to 14 per week from November 2011, to account for the cancellation of Air New Zealand's services.
- Pacific Blue suspended services from Auckland to Cairns from November 2011.



AIR NEW ZEALAND

- Air New Zealand has suspended services from Queenstown to Brisbane from October 2011.



ROYAL BRUNEI

- Royal Brunei Airlines ceased flights from Bandar Seri Begawan to Brisbane from October 2011.

KOREAN AIR

- Korean Air increased capacity from Seoul to Brisbane utilising the larger Airbus 330-300 aircraft from November 2011 bringing an additional of 240 seats per week.



- Strategic Airlines announced their new brand 'Air Australia' which operates as a low cost carrier from 15th November 2011. The airline will continue to serve existing routes flown by Strategic Airlines.
- Air Australia commenced twice-weekly service from Honolulu/ Oahu to Brisbane offering 546 seats per week from 14 December 2011.
- Air Australia doubled its frequency between Denpasar and Brisbane to 4 flights per week from October 2011.



- Singapore Airlines increased frequency between Singapore and Brisbane to 24 per week from December 2011 to January 2012 .