

Media release

Demand for Adelaide flights opens up weekend travel with new schedule

Monday, 18 June 2018

FlyPelican today launched a new Adelaide flight schedule to meet passenger demand.

Operating since March 2018, non-stop flights from Newcastle will now operate Monday, Wednesday and Friday, providing a better service for business and leisure travellers, with holiday makers now able to enjoy a three-day weekend.

Newcastle Airport CEO Dr Peter Cock welcomed the new schedule, crediting the tremendous community interest in the new Newcastle-Adelaide service over the past three months with driving the inclusion of the Monday flight.

“Thanks to FlyPelican you can now depart on Friday evening and return Monday. This gives holiday makers, from South Australia and the Hunter and Central Coast, an even smarter link to and from Adelaide.

The new Monday flight will provide greater choice for passengers wanting to come from South Australia to explore what our incredible region has to offer, which is great for local businesses and tourism operators. For the people of our region it expands the opportunity to experience the world-famous sights and tastes of South Australia, or visit family and friends for a long weekend,” Peter Cock added.

Passengers can depart Newcastle Airport at 7.45 pm Friday and return 5.55 pm Monday, allowing for a three-day weekend in South Australia.

FlyPelican CEO, Paul Graham, said, “We have listened to feedback from our customers and we are delighted to now have an optimal schedule that meet the needs of our passengers. With the ability to spend a leisurely weekend either in the Hunter region or in South Australia with a direct 2 hour flight, we are confident that our new schedule will be welcomed and well patronised.”

With regular fares from just \$179.00 one-way, the direct service is the smart choice for travel to and from Adelaide. Fares for the Fokker jet service (seating 80 or 100 passengers) include in-flight catering, checked baggage allowance and taxes.



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FlyPelican Newcastle-Adelaide flight schedule (as at Monday 18 June 2018), bookings can be made at www.flypelican.com.au:

Newcastle to Adelaide									
Departs	Arrives	Duration	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
18:35	20:15	2hr 10min	✓		✓				
19:45	21:30	2hr 10min					✓		

Adelaide to Newcastle									
Departs	Arrives	Duration	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
15:15	17:55	2hr 10min	✓		✓				
16:40	19:15	2hr 10min					✓		

**FlyPelican partners with Alliance Airlines who operate the flights.*

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About Newcastle Airport

- > Newcastle Airport is New South Wales' second busiest airport.
- > Serviced by Jetstar, Virgin Australia, QantasLink, Regional Express, and FlyPelican to eight direct destinations and onward to more than 65 world-wide destinations with just one stop.
- > In 2017, Newcastle Airport had a record number of passengers pass through the terminal - 1,276,463 passengers.
- > The record throughput is a result of 25-month consecutive year-on-year monthly passenger growth recorded up until December 2017.
- > A record-breaking 4,823 passengers travelled through Newcastle Airport on Thursday 24 November (the day before Newcastle Supercars). The same weekend (Thurs-Mon), saw more than 21,000 through the Airport.
- > In February 2018, Newcastle Airport welcomed its 17 millionth passenger through the terminal since 1995. 2018 will see the 18 millionth passenger.
- > Newcastle Airport is the gateway to Australia's largest regional economy, with more than \$43 billion annual output and 48,500 businesses.
- > A significant economic driver, Newcastle Airport contributes more than \$1.1 billion to the state's economy each year. Of this, \$300 million is direct to the visitor economy, supporting 3,300 jobs.
- > Newcastle Airport is internationally ready, the international arrivals and departures fit-out was completed in August 2017.
- > In its 70th anniversary year, Newcastle Airport continues to work with its airline partners to increase the number of flights to our current destinations, to add direct flights to even more destinations, and to work tirelessly to secure an international destination.
- > The more people that choose to fly from Newcastle Airport will provide evidence to the airlines that the demand truly exists and that our region deserves more.
- > On 22 March 2018, Newcastle Airport released its 60-year Master Plan which includes a 20-year blueprint for growth, projections and business development of the Airport.
- > On the same day, a new direct jet service commenced to Adelaide operated by FlyPelican. Adelaide represents the first new major city route since the introduction of Gold Coast in 2004.
- > 30 minutes north of Newcastle, Newcastle Airport is located adjacent to RAAF Base Williamstown on land leased from Department of Defence.
- > Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd is jointly owned by Newcastle City Council and Port Stephens Council and is governed by an independent, skills-based Board of Directors.



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About FlyPelican

- > FlyPelican is Newcastle's local airline with its headquarters based at Newcastle Airport.
- > The company is privately owned by three owner/directors.
- > FlyPelican has been successfully operating regular passenger services for 2.5 years, with a fleet of British Aerospace Jetstream 32 aircraft.
- > FlyPelican operates up to 110 scheduled flights per week with services from Newcastle to Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide, Dubbo, Ballina (Byron Bay) and through to Mudgee and Taree.
- > FlyPelican holds a 100% safety record throughout the whole network, with a current on-time performance over 2.5 years at 95%.
- > FlyPelican partners with Alliance Airlines to operate Fokker 70/100 jet aircraft on Newcastle to Adelaide services.