



Hobart Airport
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Jetstar expands Hobart–Newcastle flights with longer season and more seats

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Tasmanians and travellers from the Hunter region will have more opportunities to fly direct between Hobart and Newcastle, with Jetstar adding thousands of additional seats in the second year of its seasonal service.

The seasonal service will operate from 27 October 2026 to 24 April 2027 and deliver more than 28,000 seats, an increase of around 6,000 seats (27 per cent) compared with the inaugural season last year.

Hobart Airport Chief Executive Officer Norris Carter said the expansion further strengthened Tasmania's connectivity with one of Australia's largest population centres.

"The Newcastle and Hunter region is home to more than one million people, and extending this service means even more travellers can fly direct to Hobart without the time and cost of connecting through another city," Mr Carter said.

"Adding 6,000 more seats and extending the season by more than a month gives Tasmania's tourism and hospitality businesses greater opportunity to welcome visitors outside the traditional peak period.

"It will also make travel easier for Tasmanians looking to explore Newcastle and the Hunter region, from stunning beaches and coastal adventures to the wineries and food experiences of the Hunter Valley."

Mr Carter said the airport welcomed the additional seats, secured in partnership with the Tasmanian Government through the Aviation Attraction Fund, and said the outcome demonstrated the value of partnerships between airlines, airports and government.

Jetstar has also added more capacity on the Hobart to Adelaide route, with two extra flights each week increasing the schedule to six flights per week during off-peak periods and daily services during peak travel periods, including school holidays.

"This adds 17,624 additional seats between October and April - an increase of more than 40 per cent on the seasonal route," he said.

Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events, Roger Jaensch, said the extended service would deliver significant economic benefits for Tasmania and drive new visitation.

"Improving air access to Tasmania is vital to growing our visitor economy and ensuring more people can experience everything our State has to offer," Minister Jaensch said.

"The Tasmanian Government is investing in new routes and delivering increased capacity on existing services, making it easier and more attractive for visitors to travel to Tasmania.

"By increasing services, we're driving visitation, supporting local jobs and creating more opportunities for Tasmanians."

Jetstar Executive Manager Commercial Planning, Scott Zeglin said:

"Due to the popularity of our flights between Hobart and Newcastle last year, we've added more than 6,000 new low fares seats between the two cities.

"These flights give Hunter residents direct access to Tasmania's incredible landscapes and experiences, and Tasmanians an affordable connection to the beautiful coastline around Newcastle and the Hunter Valley.



"We thank the Tasmanian Government and Hobart Airport for their continued support in delivering more low fares and greater travel choice."

Newcastle Airport CEO Linc Horton said the longer season would provide more Tasmanians with a chance to experience the amazing things the Hunter has to offer.

"You can jump on a direct flight to Newcastle and within a short drive, be out on the beach, in Port Stephens or enjoying Australia's premier food and wine region of the Hunter Valley," Mr Horton said.

"That variety is what makes our region the perfect getaway and with more seats and a longer operating season we have increased opportunity and choice for travellers in both Newcastle and Tasmania."

The Hobart to Newcastle service will operate three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 27 October 2026 to 24 April 2027.

Fares from Hobart to Newcastle are available from \$109^ (one-way).

^Available until sold out. One-way, excludes checked bags. For travel before 2 February 2027, fares include 7kg carry-on bags. For travel on or after 2 February 2027, fares include one Underseat carry-on bag and Priority Carry-on can be purchased (subject to availability). Prices based on payment by PayID, Jetstar voucher, Jetstar Gift Card, or bookings redeemed only in Qantas Points through [jetstar.com](https://www.jetstar.com). For other options, a Payment Fee applies. See [jetstar.com/fees](https://www.jetstar.com/fees). Travel dates and other conditions apply.

Flight	Days	Departure	Arrival
Newcastle - Hobart	Tues, Thurs, Sat	3:40PM	5:40PM
Hobart - Newcastle	Tues, Thurs, Sat	6:20PM	8:15PM

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