



Qatar Airways to Increase Connectivity to Australia with Flights to Western Sydney International Airport in 2027

New three weekly flights, on sale from 19 December 2026, to offer air travellers more choice

Expanded network builds on airline's longstanding commitment to Australian market

DOHA, Qatar – Qatar Airways today announced the next phase of its expansion in Australia, with plans to launch direct passenger services between Hamad International Airport (DOH) and Western Sydney International Airport (WSI) from 15 December 2027.

Western Sydney becomes Qatar Airways' seventh gateway in Australia, alongside Sydney (SYD), Melbourne (MEL), Brisbane (BNE), Perth (PER), Adelaide (ADL), and Canberra (CBR).

The new route, on sale from 19 December 2026, delivers more choice for Australian travellers and builds on the airline's role in connecting Australia with the world. Qatar Airways links Australian cities with Doha and global destinations across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and the Americas.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Officer, Hamad Al Khater, said: "Our launch at Western Sydney International is the next chapter in our long-standing partnership with Australia, one of our most important markets.

"The new route will link Western Sydney directly with Doha and, through Hamad International Airport, with more than 170 destinations across the Middle East, Africa, Europe and beyond, strengthening existing ties and creating new opportunities for trade, tourism and investment between Australia, Qatar and the wider world.

"With the airport operating around the clock, we will bring more international visitors to New South Wales, offer Australian travellers the premium Qatar Airways experience from a second Sydney gateway, and give exporters across the state a direct cargo route to customers in the Gulf and beyond."

The new route will initially be served by three weekly flights using the airline's Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, featuring the award-winning Qsuite Business Class, with 42 Business Class and 312 Economy Class seats. Qatar Airways intends to progressively increase the service to daily operations further strengthening connectivity and customer choice.

Passengers will also be able to enjoy Starlink Wi-Fi free of charge. Qatar Airways operates the world's first and largest Starlink-equipped widebody fleet, having also been the first airline to introduce Starlink on long-haul and ultra-long-haul routes across six continents.

The new route will complement the broader growth plans of the Qatar Airways-Virgin Australia partnership across Australia, supporting additional network development opportunities and enhanced access to international destinations for Australian travellers.

Western Sydney International Airport Chief Executive Officer, Simon Hickey, said: "I'm delighted that Qatar Airways is bringing its 5-Star service to Western Sydney International, connecting travellers world-wide via the airline's top-tier Doha hub.

"What's more, with the addition of this premium carrier alongside WSI's existing airline partners, our customers will be able to enjoy access to more than 250 destinations around the globe within the first 14 months of the airport's launch, which is a strong start for Australia's first major greenfield international airport in more than fifty years.

"The timing of the service utilises one of WSI's key competitive advantages – it's 24-hour capacity – which will connect our global city in new and unprecedented ways, increasing choice, flexibility and opportunity, for business, airlines and their customers."

Qatar Airways flights to Western Sydney International Airport (WSI)

Starting 15 December 2027, flights from Doha will operate every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday:

- Doha (DOH) to Western Sydney (WSI) – Flight QR906: Departure 01:40; Arrival 23:45

Flights from Western Sydney will operate every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday:

- Western Sydney (WSI) to Doha (DOH) – Flight QR907: Departure 16:10; Arrival 23:00

Bookings are now available at qatarairways.com or through the airline's mobile app. New and returning passengers can benefit from their Qatar Airways Privilege Club membership to access in-flight Starlink connectivity, and collect and use Avios for upgrades, shopping and dining at Qatar Duty Free, extra baggage, and more.

About Qatar Airways

A multiple award-winning airline, Qatar Airways continues to be synonymous with excellence, receiving for the 13th time Skytrax's 'World's Best Business Class' award, and the 'World's Best Business Class Airline Lounge' for the eighth time. As the leading connector in the region, Qatar Airways is now the 14-time winner of the 'Best Airline in the Middle East' award. The airline has advanced its services across the Middle East this winter season, increasing its daily flights by 14 per cent.

Along with continuing to retain its 5-Star Airline Rating, Qatar Airways has received a global-first recognition of the 'World's Best Onboard Wi-Fi' by Skytrax this year. The accolade recognises Qatar Airways' Starlink connectivity rollout on over 150 widebody aircraft, connecting more than 25 million passengers to date with up to 340 daily Starlink-enabled flights. Globally, Qatar Airways remains the unprecedented nine-time winner of Skytrax 'World's Best Airline' title.

This winter, Qatar Airways will fly to over 170 destinations worldwide, connecting through its Doha hub, Hamad International Airport. The airport has been previously recognised as the 'Best Airport in the Middle East' for 11 consecutive years, as well as 'World's Best Airport Shopping' for the third year in a row by Skytrax. Hamad International Airport has previously been named the 'World's Best Airport' by Skytrax three out of the past six years.

Qatar Airways received the 2025 Platinum performance recognition by Cirium, the leading aviation analytics organisation, for its reliability and operational performance. The recognition is a testament to the airline's unwavering commitment to providing seamless and proven operations as part of its award-winning passenger experience.

Qatar Airways was the first Airline in the Middle East to be certified to the highest level of IATA's Environmental Assessment (IEnvA) programme, based on recognised environmental management system principles, including the ISO 14001. As an inaugural signatory to the Buckingham Palace Declaration in March 2016, Qatar Airways became

the first airline globally to be certified to the industry standard for the prevention of illegal wildlife trafficking in aviation.

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