



Voyager Perth open for business

We are very pleased to advise that our new Perth office is open for business. The office is in Perth CBD and operates a full service delivery.

In addition to providing local contact for our current Western Australia clients we have already secured new business in Perth.

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QF pushes up fares

Qantas has announced fare increases on Hong Kong and Trans Tasman routes.

The new fare levels applied to point of sale Australia for tickets issued on/after 28 January 2010. Group Fares also increased for tickets issued on/after 2 February

2010.

HONG KONG

- First cabin fares increased by up to 4% for travel on/after 28 January 2010
- Business cabin fares increased by up to 3% for travel on/after 28 January 2010

• Economy cabin fares will increase by up to 3% for travel on/after 01 April 2010
There will be no increase for the Premium Economy cabin.

TRANS TASMAN

Business and Economy cabin fares (including wholesale) increased by AUD10.00 one way for travel on/after 28 January 2010.

Refer to your Voyager Travel consultant for details.



Rex starts Mt Isa – Townsville

REGIONAL Express has begun operating non-stop services between Mount Isa and Townsville in Queensland.

The new services are in response to the persistent and genuine pleas from the local community for an air service to Townsville that is affordable and which has a business friendly schedule.



New Christchurch Novotel

THE new 193-room Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square opens its doors today. The property incorporates the heritage-listed Warner's Hotel, which was built in 1863, meaning guests can choose between rooms that had their origins almost 150 years apart.

The hotel features six meeting rooms and capacity for up to 200 conference delegates - and the restaurant debuts "personal dining pods" providing solo diners with a TV screen and internet.



China Southern/ Virgin deal

CHINA Southern Airlines has confirmed a new interline arrangement with Virgin Blue, which will allow passengers departing from DJ's Australian ports to check baggage through to China via CZ's Sydney and Melbourne gateways.



A380 Melbourne to London

Qantas announces the arrival of two new aircraft, growing their A380 fleet to six and are pleased to offer a second route option out of Melbourne - to London via Singapore. From 18 January, the A380 commenced operating one to two flights per week on the route (QF9 on Mondays and Sundays and the return QF10 on Fridays and Saturdays), with regular twice-weekly flights to commence on 29 March.

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CORPORATE TRAVEL NEWS



Virgin Blue launch Christmas & Cocos Islands flights

Virgin Blue has announced its intention to commence non-stop services between Perth and Christmas and Cocos (Keeling Islands). The three weekly flights to Christmas Island are set for take-off on Thursday 1 April 2010 with services between Perth and Cocos Island commencing shortly after on Saturday 3 April. Flights between Cocos Island and Christmas Island will also commence on 3 April. Virgin Blue has committed one of its executive-style Embraer E-190 jets onto the new routes, an aircraft which has the capacity to carry 104 guests.



Air New Zealand announces new cabin product

Air New Zealand has released details of the cabin product to be installed in its new 777-300ER aircraft, which includes an option of lie-flat economy class seating. The aircraft will feature the 'Skycouch' - a specially designed row of three seats, engineered to create a "lie-flat, flexible space all the way to the seat back in front, providing a place for the kids to play or a flat surface for adults to relax and sleep. 22 sets of Skycouch seats will be available, being the first 11 window rows in the economy cabin, and two adults travelling will be able to buy the Skycouch by paying for two seats at standard prices, and the third seat at around half price. The planes will also feature an enlarged premium economy cabin and the Business Premier service will be enhanced to offer complete on-demand food and beverage service and an enhanced sleep experience. The 340-seat aircraft will have 246 economy seats, 50 in premium economy and 44 in Business Premier, with the planes to debut on selected

Auckland – Los Angeles services from Dec 2010.



Qantas to drop 747 First

QANTAS is set to remove First Class from its entire 747 fleet and only offer the cabin on selected A380 services, in a major fleet revamp foreshadowed last year. Just 12 QF A380s will have First Class seating, and will be used for flights to London and Los Angeles, if the \$400m plan is signed off by the Qantas board. Full details of the changes are expected to be released later this month, and could see the number of economy seats on each aircraft increase by up to 20% to around 400 on an A380, along with premium economy and an upgraded business class product. The four class A380s used on the Kangaroo and Pacific routes would have 60 business class seats (down from the current 72) as well

as a new 48-seat economy class cabin area upstairs.



Qatar launch dates

QATAR Airways has announced the start date for services from Doha to four key international destinations. Four times weekly flights to Copenhagen will launch on 30 March and to Ankara on 05 April, followed by daily connections to Tokyo from 26 April and to Barcelona from 07 June.



Continental ups transatlantic

CONTINENTAL Airlines is adding a fourth daily service between Newark Liberty (New York City) and London Heathrow from late March, and a fifth service from October. Effective 01 June, CO will offer its flat bed

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seats in BusinessFirst on all flights on the route.

New procedures at Guangzhou

New border procedures at Guangzhou now allow passengers travelling onwards to other destinations within China to have their onward boarding passes issued, only needing to complete inbound immigration formalities before proceeding to their departure gate, with bags checked through to the final destination. Previously passengers were required to clear both customs and immigration in Guangzhou.

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