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New flights from Newcastle to Adelaide in 2018

2018 is off to a flying start, with Newcastle Airport and FlyPelican excited to announce direct jet services between Newcastle and Adelaide from March 2018.

FlyPelican is offering the two-hour direct service three times per week from Newcastle on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with the potential to add more flights if demand is strong. Flying Fokker jet aircraft seating 80 or 100 passengers and offering in-flight catering and no charge for checked baggage allowance, the Newcastle-Adelaide service is ideal for business and leisure.

Newcastle Airport, the gateway to the region, now connects with nine domestic destinations and onwards internationally to over 65 locations in just one stop.

With fares from just \$249.00 (inclusive of taxes), this direct route is the smart choice for travel to Adelaide.

Bookings can be made directly online at www.flypelican.com.au.

Newcastle to Adelaide									
Departs	Arrives	Duration	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
09:50	11:30	2hr 10min		✓					
18:35	20:15	2hr 10min			✓				
19:50	21:30	2hr 10min					✓		

Adelaide to Newcastle									
Departs	Arrives	Duration	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
06:30	09:10	2hr 10min		✓					
15:15	17:55	2hr 10min			✓				
16:30	19:10	2hr 10min					✓		

**FlyPelican is partnering with Alliance Airlines who will operate the flights.*



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Quote attributable to Newcastle Airport

Peter Cock, CEO of Newcastle Airport, said, “By connecting people and places, our new route will grow inbound and outbound tourism, create opportunities for businesses, and provide easy links for travellers; a quick, direct two-hour flight provides a smarter choice, and will reduce return travel time by up to 8 hours. Community demand for the Adelaide route has been very strong and we are thrilled to be working with FlyPelican and Adelaide Airport to deliver this direct service to passengers. This is another step for us in creating the airport the region deserves.”

Quote attributable to FlyPelican

Paul Graham, CEO of FlyPelican, said, “As Newcastle’s local airline, it is important to us to provide services the community needs. We are proud and excited to expand our network and give travellers greater choice with the new Adelaide direct route.”

Quote attributable to Adelaide Airport

Adelaide Airport Managing Director, Mark Young: “We welcome FlyPelican to Adelaide and look forward to their inaugural service in March. Newcastle has been one of our largest unserved markets and we’ve been keen to secure a service between our two cities for some time. It is Australia’s second largest regional city with many similarities to Adelaide, including its defence focus and proximity to the Hunter Valley wine region. It also provides a great alternative for passengers wanting to travel to and from the Central Coast, Hunter and North Coast regions without having to land in Sydney and find other transport options to get to Newcastle.”

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Editors' Notes

About Newcastle Airport

- > Newcastle Airport is New South Wales' second busiest airport.
- > Serviced by Jetstar, Virgin Australia, QantasLink, Regional Express, and FlyPelican to nine direct destinations (now including Adelaide) and onward to more than 65 world-wide destinations with just one stop.
- > Newcastle Airport is the gateway to Australia's largest regional economy, with more than \$43 billion annual output and 48,500 businesses.
- > More than 1.27 million people use Newcastle Airport every year.
- > 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.
- > Consecutive year-on-year monthly passenger growth since November 2015.
- > 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 anticipates that it will welcome its 17 millionth passenger through the terminal since 1995.
- > 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 Williamtown on land leased from Department of Defence.
- > Newcastle Airport is internationally ready, the international arrivals and departures fit-out was completed in August 2017.
- > 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.

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, 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 has partnered with Alliance Airlines that will to operate Fokker 70/100 jet aircraft on Newcastle to Adelaide services from March 2018.