

Press Release

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AIRNORTH FLIGHTS BETWEEN DARWIN AND TOWNSVILLE TO GOLD COAST TAKE OFF

Airnorth in conjunction with the Queensland Government is delighted to announce that **new seasonal flights from Darwin and Townsville to the Gold Coast will commence on Wednesday 3 April 2019.**

The new service, departing Darwin via Townsville and onto the Gold Coast will operate twice weekly on Wednesday and Sunday from 3 April through to 20 October 2019.

This new service marks Airnorth as the only carrier in Australia to provide nonstop flights between Queensland's Townsville and Gold Coast. Additionally, this new route will be Airnorth's fourth destination in Queensland.

The service will cater to the region's rapidly evolving business and leisure market; and has been conveniently scheduled to commence ahead of the Easter school holiday period for the long held tourism hotspots.

Airnorth Chief Executive Officer Daniel Bowden said the addition of the Gold Coast destination is incredibly exciting not only to Airnorth, but for all business and leisure travellers in Australia.

"The announcement of this additional service means Airnorth is supporting Queensland by providing up to 25 flights weekly in, and around the state.

This provides an abundance of opportunity not only for tourism on an international and national level, but also a fantastic opportunity for intrastate travel for all Queenslanders."

Tourism Industry Development Minister Kate Jones welcomed the new route.

"Making it as easy as possible for visitors to travel to key destinations throughout the state is vital to growing our tourism industry," she said.

"These flights will help to lure visitors, ensure tourists stay longer and experience more of what we have to offer in Queensland."

Gold Coast and Townsville airports are operated by Queensland Airports Limited, and QAL Executive General Manager Business Development and Marketing Adam Rowe welcomed news of the service.

"Townsville and the Gold Coast are both health, education and business hubs

– this air link will benefit both cities and allow business to grow between the regions.

"We look forward to supporting this service and hope it grows in future."

A world of adventure awaits customers in this exciting destination, from the thrilling line up of theme parks; to long stretches of white sandy beaches and beautiful scenery.

Airfares from Darwin to Gold Coast will start at \$279*

Airfares from Townsville to Gold Coast will start at \$209*

WED & SUN	TL180	DRW-TSV	0700-1005
WED & SUN	TL180	TSV-OOL	1035-1230
WED & SUN	TL181	OOL-TSV	1300-1455
WED & SUN	TL181	TSV-DRW	1525-1740

*Airfares are per person one-way (unless stated otherwise), subject to availability, including all taxes, is not available between school and public holidays. Airfares are applicable vice versa. Credit card fees will apply: Australia domestic transactions with Visa and Mastercard incur 1.1% and American Express and Diners International incur 3.3%, international transactions with Visa and Mastercard incur 1% and American Express and Diners International incur 3%.

Prices include 20kg checked luggage, refreshments and no middle seat.

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