

## VIRGIN AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES ITS FIRST INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FROM NATION'S CAPITAL

- Virgin Australia will launch its first-ever international route out of Canberra, with direct flights to Bali commencing from 22 June 2026.
- Flights are on sale today from 10am AEDT with return fares from \$399 in Economy Lite.
- Virgin Australia will be the only Australia-based airline operating internationally out of Canberra, and the only airline operating this route.
- The new route will operate three return flights per week from April to January, with the potential to increase frequency during peak travel periods.
- To maximise convenience for travellers, services will depart Canberra in the afternoon and return overnight from Bali.

**Embargo 12am AEDT 28 January 2026:** Virgin Australia will add more than 40,000 seats each year between the nation's capital and Australia's most popular international holiday destination, with direct flights from Canberra to Bali launching on 22 June 2026.

The new route will operate three return services per week and complement the airline's other direct services between Bali and Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Virgin Australia will operate its Boeing 737-800 aircraft on the route, with three seating options including Business, Economy and Economy X – the airline's extra legroom seating which provides guests with an enhanced level of comfort and pre-boarding perks.

**Virgin Australia Chief Executive Officer, Dave Emerson** said the new service is a significant win for the ACT, strengthening the territory's international connectivity.

"This is the first time in the history of the company that we will operate internationally from the capital, marking an important milestone in our broader network expansion story," he said.

"Virgin Australia will be the only Australia-based airline operating internationally out of Canberra, and the only carrier on this new route.

"As we continue to grow our network, we're focused on offering greater choice and seamless connectivity for our guests. The schedule has been designed with convenience in mind, featuring afternoon departures from Canberra and overnight returns from Bali.

"Indonesia has now overtaken New Zealand as one of Australia's most popular international travel destinations. Last year, we carried more than half a million guests between Australia and Bali, and it's great to see demand for the destination continue to grow."

The new service coincides with the airline boosting capacity into Canberra this week, through upsizing its aircraft on the Brisbane-Canberra route from F100 aircraft operated by Alliance Airlines, to 737s operated by Virgin Australia.

**Canberra Airport CEO, Stephen Byron** said the launch of direct flights from Canberra to Bali is a significant milestone for Canberra Airport.



# Media release



"Bali is one of Australia's most popular international holiday destinations, and we know this service will be warmly welcomed by travellers across the region," he said.

"We're delighted to be expanding our network with Virgin Australia and introducing Virgin Australia's first international service from Canberra, with hopes that this marks the start of further international growth with Virgin Australia."

The new route will operate seasonally from April to January, to align with market demand, with the potential to increase frequency during peak travel periods.

The new flights are on sale today from 10am AEDT until 11:59pm AEDT 3 February 2026 at [virginaustralia.com](http://virginaustralia.com), with return fares from \$399 in Economy Lite, from \$499 in Economy Choice and from \$1,449 in Business.\*

Virgin Australia currently operates services to Bali from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Gold Coast. The new Canberra services also have same-day connections to these ports, increasing connectivity between Australia and Bali.

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## NOTES TO THE EDITOR

Route	Frequency	Commencement date
Canberra – Bali (Denpasar)	3 return flights per week	22 June 2026

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

<sup>^</sup> Economy X seats are limited and subject to availability. Selecting Economy X will incur a fee per person, per sector, in addition to the amount paid for the fare. Payment surcharge may apply. Guests who select and sit in an Economy X Exit Row must comply with the Exit Row Safety Conditions. Not all product benefits are available at all airports. See full Economy X Terms and Conditions.

\*Fares are on sale from 10:00am AEDT 28 January 2026 until 11:59pm AEDT 3 February 2026 unless sold out prior, for selected return flights on selected travel dates between 22 June 2026 and 16 December 2026 for Economy Lite, Economy Choice and Business class fares only. Travel periods apply and fares are subject to availability. Price is based on a return Economy Lite, Choice or Business fare (as stipulated) booked on [virginaustralia.com](http://virginaustralia.com). Seats are limited and may not be available at peak times or on all flights. Return fare may vary with the addition of local taxes and charges or due to currency fluctuations. Payment surcharge may apply. Seat selection and checked baggage are not included in Economy Lite fares. Economy Lite fares are not recommended if you require flexibility with your travel as cancellations are not permitted and you may need to pay a fee and any fare difference to make a change. For other fare types, a fee and fare difference may be payable for changing or cancelling your booking. See Virgin Australia's [International fees page](#) for details. Refunds are not permitted for Economy Lite and Choice fares if you cancel your booking. Refunds are permitted for Business fares if you cancel your booking. You may also request a refund for other reasons, including under the Australian Consumer Law. Check your fare rules for more information. Full terms and conditions at [www.virginaustralia.com](http://www.virginaustralia.com).

