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JETSTAR IN NEW ZEALAND

Qantas has replaced its domestic New Zealand services with Jetstar. Jetstar will become the second largest airline in New Zealand, serving four destinations and operating a five-route network of 84 weekly flights. The services will link Auckland with Christchurch, Wellington and Queenstown and also Christchurch with Wellington and Queenstown. The Qantas Club lounge will still operate in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, however there is no lounge in Queenstown.

QATAR AIRWAYS TO LAUNCH IN AUSTRALIA

Qatar Airways has announced that it will commence its long-awaited Australian services with an inaugural flight on 6th December 2009. The carrier will operate three weekly services from Melbourne using a new Boeing 777-200LR and then moving to daily early in the New Year when another aircraft is available. The new flight will connect travellers with a one-stop service from the UK and Europe to Australia, with a planned one hour connection time in Doha.

EMIRATES SIGNS INTERLINE DEAL WITH VIRGIN BLUE

Emirates and Virgin Blue have just announced a new interline agreement which will see a "seamless, single ticket option" for travellers flying from 13 Australian destinations to Emirates' network of 100 destinations in more than 60 countries.

The deal also includes free transfers for guests transiting between the domestic and international terminals in Sydney, Brisbane and Perth as well as interlining of checked baggage through to the final Emirates destination. There's also reciprocity between the frequent flyer schemes of both carriers, allowing earning and redeeming of Velocity or Skywards points on flights of both carriers on a one-for-one point basis.

The through fares will be available from Adelaide, Albury, Cairns, Canberra, Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Hobart, Launceston, Mackay, Mildura, Port Macquarie, Rockhampton and Townsville through all of Emirates Australian gateway cities, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

UNITED AIRLINES

UNITED Airlines has demonstrated how to refit the premium cabins on a Boeing 747. The carrier has posted a timelapse video of the removal of the old seats and installation of the new lie-flat product and inflight entertainment systems on video sharing website YouTube. Travellers intrigued to see the upgrade which is now available on UA's flights from Australia to the USA can view the footage at

www.youtube.com/uniteditstimetofly.

PACIFIC BLUE TO FLY DIRECT TO QUEENSTOWN, DUNEDIN AND WELLINGTON



Virgin Blue's short-haul international offshoot, Pacific Blue will operate direct services from Australia to Queenstown, Dunedin and Wellington in New Zealand with the flights to debut in September this year. Pacific Blue will operate two flights per week between Sydney and Queenstown, with three flights weekly between Sydney and Wellington, as well as three per week between Brisbane and Dunedin.

The move will see Pacific Blue operating direct Tasman services from six New Zealand ports: Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington, Hamilton, Dunedin and Queenstown. Pacific Blue has future plans for a direct service between Auckland and Dunedin.

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