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Top End reconnects with the golden coast with direct Jetstar flights

From the top end to the golden coast, Jetstar's first direct flight from Darwin will arrive at Gold Coast Airport Friday morning – ushering in a seamless new connection between two of Australia's most iconic destinations.

Operating four times a week, the new seasonal service is expected to deliver more than 25,000 seats annually, boosting visitation and strengthening ties between the two regions.

Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations, the Hon. Robyn Cahill OAM MLA said: "We welcome Jetstar enhancing its connectivity between Darwin and the Gold Coast with its new direct seasonal service now underway.

"This route provides Territorians with more affordable and direct access to visit family down south improving liveability for Territorians.

"We will continue to support the sustainable growth of Territory's aviation sector for improved airline connectivity, choice and competition."

Queensland Airports Limited Chief Commercial Officer Adam Rowe said the direct service made it easier than ever for travellers to move between the Northern Territory and Southeast Queensland.

"We're thrilled to welcome Jetstar's inaugural Darwin service to Gold Coast Airport – a fantastic addition to our growing domestic network.

"This direct route opens up more opportunities for people to reconnect with loved ones, discover unique travel destinations and support the local tourism and hospitality sectors at both ends.

"The direct service also eliminates the need for connecting flights or long, often inconvenient drives up the motorway, making travel easier and more accessible.

"We thank Jetstar for their continued investment in creating more travel choices for Queenslanders and Territorians alike."

Rob Porter, Executive General Manager Operations, Airport Development Group, welcomed the start of the service and highlighted the importance of collaboration.



"This inaugural flight is an exciting milestone that strengthens access between two of Australia's most iconic destinations.

"This service is the result of a strong partnership between the Northern Territory Government and Jetstar and reflects our shared commitment to growing sustainable air connectivity and unlocking tourism opportunities for the Top End.

"We're proud to work together to ensure the Territory is more connected, more accessible, and more visible to the rest of the country."

Jetstar Executive Manager, Customer Jenn Armor said the route will boost tourism by making travel between Darwin and Gold Coast faster, easier and more affordable.

"We know Australians are eager to travel to places that offer something special. Darwin and the Gold Coast are two incredible cities, each with their own flavour and now they're just one easy flight apart.

"This new service is about putting two incredible destinations within easier reach. Less time in transit means more time to enjoy your trip — and more money to spend when you get there.

"We're proud to connect these two amazing regions and thank the Northern Territory Government, Darwin Airport and Gold Coast Airport for their support."

The service will operate from 26 June 2025 to 24 October 2025 on an Airbus A320 aircraft.

Route	Days of Operation	Departure Time	Arrival Time
Darwin – Gold Coast	Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun	01:50	06:05
Gold Coast – Darwin	Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat	21:00	00:50

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