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Indonesia AirAsia Touches Down In Darwin. Strengthening Connections between the Top End and Asia

Fares on sale today from AUD159*!

Airport Development Group (ADG) proudly welcomes Indonesia AirAsia's official touch down in Darwin today, marking an exciting new chapter in connectivity between the Northern Territory and Asia.

The new service bolsters affordable and convenient travel options for Territorians embarking on journeys to Indonesia and beyond. Likewise, Southeast Asian travellers wanting to experience the Northern Territory's unique culture, landscapes, and world-class tourism experiences now have a wider gateway to the Top End.

Airport Development Group Executive General Manager Airports Rob Porter said that the new route offers great opportunities for both business and leisure travellers.

"We are thrilled to welcome Indonesia AirAsia back to Darwin, providing a fantastic option for explorers to visit the Top End or connect seamlessly to Asia and beyond," Mr Porter said.

"Strengthening international air links is key to growing tourism, business and trade opportunities, and this service delivers on all fronts.

"Indonesia is one of our closest neighbours and this connection makes it even easier for visitors to experience the incredible offerings of the Northern Territory, while giving Territorians a direct and affordable link to Southeast Asia."

Indonesia AirAsia Chief Executive Officer Veranita Yosephine said the airline is thrilled to touch down in the Northern Territory today to bring its renowned service and extensive network to Darwin.

"Indonesia AirAsia's arrival will boost the Northern Territory's tourism industry and help attract more international visitors," she said.

“We are confident this important and strategic connection will have flow on benefits for local businesses by increasing visitation to restaurants and retail stores and increasing tourism experience bookings.

“We welcome Territorians on board as we deliver great value services direct to Bali and from there onto many exciting destinations across our vast network of over 130 destinations – especially including our FlyThru connecting services via Bali including to Hong Kong and Jakarta at great value fares.”

Northern Territory Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations, Hon Robyn Cahill OAM said Indonesia AirAsia’s new service strengthened the Northern Territory’s two-way connection with Asia enabling Territorians to holiday, do business and spend time with family.

“We are thrilled to welcome AirAsia back to Darwin today.

“The Northern Territory Government is focused on pursuing new airlines and investing in our aviation sector to bring more people into the Territory and provide more options for Territorians.

“This new route further strengthens the Northern Territory’s connection with Indonesia and will unlock new business and tourism opportunities between our two regions,” Ms Cahill said.

Northern Territory Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, Hon Marie-Clare Boothby said, “These new flight routes are an important step towards making the Territory the best place in the country to visit, live, work, and invest.

“Increased connectivity boosts our local economy by increasing business opportunities and attracting tourists, giving more people the chance to experience everything the Territory has to offer. Additional flights will grow our tourism sector, create new job opportunities for Territorians and make it easier for people to visit their loved ones.”

Bagus Hendraning Kobarsih, Consul (Head of Post), Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia (Northern Territory) said, “This is a strategic development that will bring long-term benefits to both countries.

“The reopening of the Denpasar–Darwin route by Indonesia AirAsia not only strengthens connectivity between Indonesia and Northern Australia but also deepens historical, cultural, and economic ties between the two regions.

“We hope this route will further boost tourist arrivals, enlarge business mobility and opportunities for collaboration across various sectors.”

Flight Schedule Indonesia AirAsia from Bali (DPS) to Darwin (DRW)

Destination	Flight Number	Schedule		First Flight	Frekuensi Terbang
		Departure	Arrival		
DPS - DRW	QZ 540	11.40	15.55	22 March 2025	Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
DRW - DPS	QZ 541	16.35	17.55		

To celebrate the airline has fares on sale now from Darwin as listed below:
Darwin - Bali from AUD 159*

Fly Thru connecting fares (via Bali) include:

Darwin to Jakarta from AUD 297.25*

Darwin to Hong Kong from AUD 342.42*

The AirAsia Group of airlines, including Indonesia AirAsia, recently won a number of high profile accolades including the AirlineRatings.com World’s Best Low Cost Airline 2025 and the Skytrax World’s Best Low Cost Airline in 2024 for the 15th consecutive year. The airline was also recently rated seven out of seven for maintaining the highest international safety standards by Australian aviation experts at Airlineratings.com.

***Fares on sale are inclusive of all applicable taxes and charges - further terms and conditions may apply. See the AirAsia Move website for more details - www.airasia.com.**

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About AirAsia

AirAsia is a leading low-cost carrier with licenses to operate in five Asian countries—Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Cambodia. Founded in 2001,

AirAsia has stayed true to its purpose and tagline Now Everyone Can Fly. The airline has made flying affordable and accessible to over 800 million guests, connecting people and communities across more than 130 destinations. Today, as one of the largest

airlines in the region, AirAsia is expanding to become the world's first global low-cost network carrier. It operates more than 200 aircraft and holds a significant orderbook for the next decade.

AirAsia leads in sustainable aviation with green initiatives and a net zero target by 2050. In 2023, it avoided 130,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions from its narrowbody regional network through 20+ efficiency measures, saving US\$40 million in fuel and over US\$388,000 in shadow carbon costs.

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