



## Gold Coast Airport

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## **QUEENSLAND TOURISM INDUSTRY THE WINNER IN JETSTAR'S** **GOLD COAST - CAIRNS SERVICE**

Gold Coast Airport has today welcomed the news that one of its key airline partners, Jetstar, will commence three times weekly flights direct to North Queensland.

In addition to linking two key tourism destinations of Queensland, the flights will also provide a direct link for Japanese visitors wanting to visit multiple destinations in Queensland, providing a significant positive impact to the local tourism industry.

For domestic travellers this new service will provide an alternative to people wanting to travel between the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers regions to North Queensland.

Gold Coast Airport's Chief Operating Officer, Mr Paul Donovan, said the announcement would provide key benefits to Queensland's tourism industry.

"This is not only great news for the Gold Coast but for Queensland tourism generally. Having two of Queensland's great international destinations linked by such convenient air services will significantly improve the state's competitive advantage in confronting the challenges emerging from a range of newly developing Asia-Pacific destinations.

"We see this as an incredible opportunity for two key tourist destinations in Queensland to work together and benefit from the increase in tourism numbers we will both receive.

"At Gold Coast Airport we have worked hard to become a significant aviation hub in south-east Queensland and we are proud to see this strategy paying off," Mr Donovan said.

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“Jetstar is clearly a very important partner to Gold Coast Airport and this is the second major service announcement we have had this week, following the news that Jetstar would commence direct services from Auckland to the Gold Coast next year.

“We already have the direct daily flights with Jetstar to Osaka in place and from 18 December will welcome the five times weekly flight from Narita, Tokyo,” he said.

The direct Jetstar flights between Gold Coast and Cairns will commence on 3 February 2009 using an A320 aircraft.

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