

QANTAS BRINGS NEXT-GEN A220 AIRCRAFT TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- QantasLink will begin flying its Airbus A220 aircraft between Adelaide and Brisbane from March, the first time the leading-edge aircraft type has ever operated in South Australia.
- From 3 March, the A220 will increasingly replace the smaller Embraer E190s currently operating the route, offering customers more seats, fast and free WiFi, a light and bright cabin design, around 20 per cent more overhead locker space than previous generation aircraft and reduced noise and fuel emissions.
- The changes will add up to 100,000 seats to QantasLink's Adelaide network every year.
- The A220 is part of the Qantas Group's historic fleet renewal program, with more than 200 new aircraft on order, providing customers with improved comfort, efficiency and reliability. The A220 also has a longer range than the aircraft it is replacing, creating more route possibilities and travel options, as the fleet grows.
- Qantas recently received its 11th A220, with four more expected to join the fleet by the middle of the year.
- Qantas' A220s have high customer satisfaction ratings and feature:
 - Fast and free inflight WiFi.
 - 10 Business seats, 127 Economy seats.
 - David Caon-designed interiors, with custom-designed Business Class leather seats featuring increased pitch and width.
 - Increased overhead compartment storage for carry-on items.
 - Ambient LED lighting.
 - Minimised cabin noise compared to previous generation aircraft.
 - Reduced noise and fuel emissions.
- The introduction of the A220s into Adelaide continues the airline's significant investment in South Australia, with the opening of its [refurbished lounge precinct](#) in May, the [return of international flights](#) with the launch of Adelaide-Auckland flying in October, and the planned establishment of a new [Product Innovation Centre](#) in Adelaide's CBD, supported by the South Australian Government and set to create hundreds of local tech jobs.

Comments to be attributed to QantasLink CEO Mark Dal Pra:

"As the first airline in the Asia-Pacific region to operate the A220, we're excited to bring the aircraft to Adelaide. Customers love flying on our new A220s, which offers a more modern cabin that is lighter, brighter and more spacious.

"It's another major milestone for our fleet renewal as we continue to take delivery of new aircraft and invest in the customer experience. With more aircraft on the way, customers will continue to see these fantastic new aircraft expand across more routes and destinations."

Comments to be attributed to Adelaide Airport Managing Director, Brenton Cox:

“This is great news from Qantas for customers on one of our top 3 busiest routes. Travellers will enjoy this significant aircraft upgrade from the previous Embraer E190s.

“New generation aircraft like the Airbus A220 are perfectly suited for the flight distance and passenger volumes we see on the Adelaide-Brisbane route and we thank Qantas for their continued investment in South Australia.”

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Fact sheets, vision and stills of the A220 aircraft can be found [here](#).

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