

IndiGo launches 11 new codeshare routes across Australia

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Pune: IndiGo has announced 11 new connections under its extended codeshare agreement with Australia's national airline, Qantas Airways, starting from March 31, airline officials said.

With ticket sales going live from March 12, IndiGo customers can now fly across major tourist and economic hubs in Australia, from Sydney and Melbourne to Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Gold Coast, and Perth.

With these new codeshare connections, customers will be able to continue their journey within Australia on Qantas-operated domestic flights to three additional cities- Adelaide, Canberra, and Gold Coast. This will provide Indian tourists as well as business and leisure travellers with more options to explore destinations across Australia, especially during the upcoming summer season. IndiGo currently offers travel options to Singapore and seamless connectivity to Qantas' flights

between Singapore and Australia.

Speaking on the occasion, Vinay Malhotra, Head of Global Sales, IndiGo, said, "We are thrilled to introduce these new connections within Australia, in partnership with Qantas. Under this codeshare, our passengers can not only travel to Melbourne, Sydney, Perth & Brisbane via Singapore, but also onwards to Adelaide, Canberra & the Gold Coast. The Indian aviation industry is on a path of transformational growth and as India's leading carrier, this partnership will also enhance our international presence via Qantas' unmatched reach. IndiGo remains committed to delivering on the promise of affordable, on-time, courteous, and hassle-free travel experience across an unparalleled network."

The two airlines are the market leaders in their respective countries and this agreement is a testament to the strengthening ties between the two countries, as a part of Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement. In 2022, Qantas and IndiGo had finalized a codeshare partnership enabling Qantas customers flying on non-stop flights between Australia and India to connect to 21 destinations in India on IndiGo. In November 2023, IndiGo had announced connections to Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, and Brisbane in Australia, under the ongoing codeshare partnership with Qantas Airways.