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AIR MAURITIUS AND VIRGIN BLUE AGREE ON A NEW INTERLINE DEAL

Air Mauritius continues to increase its airline interline partnerships through a new agreement with Virgin Blue.

The arrangement smoothes the way for travellers to fly from any Virgin Blue destination in Australia to Sydney, Perth or Melbourne for a seamless connection to Air Mauritius flights.

Air Mauritius will connect with Virgin Blue services from:

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| Adelaide | Canberra | Gold Coast | Mackay | Proserpine |
| Brisbane | Coffs Harbour | Hervey Bay | Maroochydore | Rockhampton |
| Broome | Christchurch | Hobart | Melbourne | Sydney |
| Cairns | Darwin | Launceston | Newcastle | Townsville & Perth |

Travel agents will also issue a single ticket for both airlines which includes checked through luggage all the way from Australia to Mauritius and vice versa, providing a more convenient travel experience.

The new interline agreement will also mean guests transiting between Sydney T2 domestic and Sydney International Airports will be able to take advantage of a dedicated transfer lounge at Sydney International and a free airside bus transfer between the two terminals.

Air Mauritius operates flights from Mauritius to Perth twice weekly and weekly flights to Sydney and Melbourne. With Perth as its gateway to South Africa, East Africa and Europe, Air Mauritius is already planning to further increase flights in the coming years.





Virgin Blue Chief Executive, Brett Godfrey said, "We are delighted to be working with Air Mauritius to open up this stunning destination to travellers from all over Australia. Having an interline agreement means it is much easier for people to fly from their home in Australia all the way through to Mauritius."

Air Mauritius Chief Executive Mr Manoj Ujoodha said, "This is an exciting opportunity for us in that it will bring huge benefits to our customers. Air Mauritius, in conjunction with Virgin Blue, will now be able to bring Australian inbound passengers from Mauritius, Europe, South Africa and East Africa to the major cities in Australia. Alternatively, Australian customers will be able to enjoy a seamless transfer from various Australian cities to connect on to Air Mauritius flights via Perth."

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Launched on 3 August 2000, Virgin Blue is an Australian low-cost airline and Australia's second-biggest airline. Virgin Blue's existing code-share and interline partners include Virgin Atlantic Airways, Hawaiian Airways, Malaysian Airline, amongst others. It is based in Brisbane, Queensland and its fleet is composed of 53 Next Generation Boeing 737 aircraft.

Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of five Airbus A340-300, two A340-300E, two A319 and two ATR 72's. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty six destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa.



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