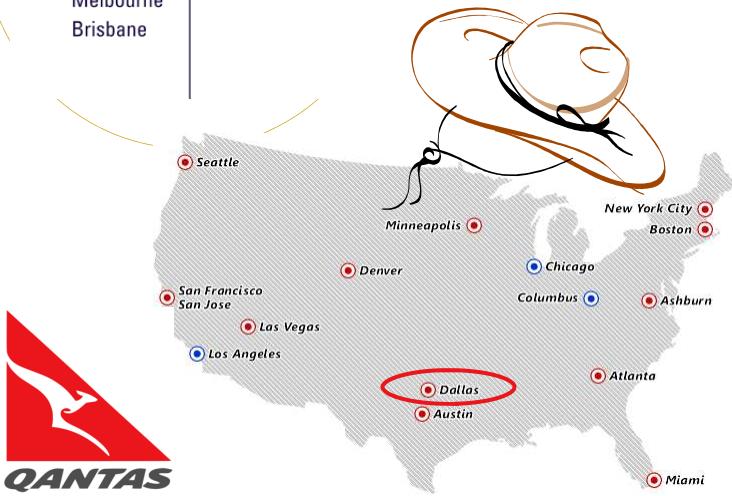


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Qantas Direct flights to Dallas Fort Worth



From May 2011, Qantas commenced direct flights from Sydney to Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) delivering unprecedented access to North America for Australians. Operated by a Boeing 747 aircraft, flying time from Sydney to DFW is 15 hours 25 minutes. DFW to SYD operates via Brisbane. The service will initially operate four times per week, with a view to increasing frequency in the future. Through its codeshare partnership with American Airlines, Qantas will offer services to 54 destinations. This new service will change the way Australians travel within the American heartland, the Caribbean and Latin America. The Qantas flight to Dallas gives the Australian traveller a single easy connection to such exotic destinations as San Jose, Costa Rica, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Cancun Mexico or popular destinations such as Orlando Florida, New York City, Chicago, Toronto Canada and many more. The city of Dallas has also so much to offer, and it is not all rodeos and bull riding! Historical museums, unique cuisine, world class conservation centres and good old Texan charm make it a must-see city! Call your MP Travel Consultant on 02 9993 9000 for more information.



MALDIVES—Soneva Gili by SIX SENSES

Soneva Gili is located in one of the largest lagoons in the Maldives, with jetties threading across the crystal clear water out to spacious over-sized villas that provide spectacular water views of the ocean from every room. The tiny island provides a very intimate atmosphere fused with luxuries of the highest international standard to create a serene and natural experience. Bookings made with MP Travel attract many benefits including 10.00am check in and 6.00pm check out, one complimentary 3 course meal and wine/canapés on arrival. Terms & conditions apply. Subject to availability. Call MP Leisure Dept on 02 9993 9000 for this and other SIX SENSES properties.

DIARY DATES

Queen's Birthday holiday	13 Jun
State of Origin	15 Jun & 6 Jul
Rugby World Cup NZ	9 Sep -23 Oct
AFL Grand Final	1 Oct
NRL Grand Final	2 Oct
NSW/ACT/SA public holiday	3 Oct
Perth public holiday	28 Oct
CHOGM (Perth)	28-30 Oct
Melbourne Cup	1 Nov

CHOGM 2011—PERTH 28-30 October 2011

Every 2 years, Commonwealth leaders meet at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting—CHOGM. Perth will host the next CHOGM meeting and blackout periods will apply at hotels from approximately 22 October to 2 November 2011. Hotels guests who have secured accommodation during this period will be required to present photo identification and will need to complete a personal information form for CHOGM security. CBD road closures will also be in place during this time and there is a public holiday in Perth on Friday 28th October.



CHOGM 2011
PERTH, AUSTRALIA



NAME CHANGE

Virgin Australia touched down for the first time in Australia in May 2011. The company introduced the Virgin Australia name and brand for both its domestic and international operations, with Virgin Blue being the first to change. V Australia, Pacific and Polynesian Blue will also operate under the Virgin Australia name by the end of the year.

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA'S NEW BUSINESS CLASS



Virgin Australia will operate its new Airbus A330 Sydney-Perth service from 26 May 2011. The new service will offer stylish new designer Economy and Business Class cabins including generous reclining leather seats in Business Class, personal entertainment system with 10" screen and enhanced menu designed by Luke Mangan. Travellers will also benefit from complimentary access to Virgin Blue's The Lounge at Sydney and Perth Domestic Airports. The airline will offer competitive fares on the new service as well as continuing to provide great value. The schedule provides convenient departure and arrival times for corporate and leisure travellers.

COMPLIMENTARY LIMOUSINES



For a limited time, A330 Business Class travellers on the SYD-PER service will have a personal limousine transfer included as part of their journey. Available to/from Sydney Domestic Airport, anywhere within 60km and includes complimentary newspapers and bottled water. Terms and conditions apply and for a strictly limited time only. Ask your MP consultant for further details.

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA'S NEW FARE STRUCTURE

SAVER—Discount fare that gives you the best possible price. The choice to pre-purchase a checked baggage allowance, option to purchase in-flight entertainment/food/beverages on board. Flights can be changed up to 24hrs before your scheduled departure (a fee applies).

FLEXI—Food/beverages included in the Economy Class price. Priority check-in at all major domestic and international airports, included checked baggage allowance - up to 23kg (32kg for Gold Velocity Members). A fully-flexible fare—no fees to change the time and date of your booking up to 24hrs after your scheduled departure.

PREMIUM (includes Premium Economy and Business Class)- Unlimited food/beverages, priority check-in, lounge access, increased Velocity points earned and generous checked baggage allowance.



YOUR GUIDE TO ETIHAD AIRWAYS

DIAMOND FIRST CLASS



A private suite with a luxurious leather seat that transforms into a fully-flat bed with a total length of 80.5" and width of 29.75". Each private suite is accessed by its own 57" high sliding screen door and is equipped with a handy touch-screen control for the seat, personal illuminated wardrobe with mirror, and refreshments cabinet. Limousine transfers in selected destinations.



PEARL BUSINESS CLASS



Featuring an award winning flat bed seat, which is forward facing with aisle access in a 1-2-1 layout. It transforms into a 180° fully flat, 6'1" bed. Each seat is fitted with a 15" personal video screen and an in-built massage facility. Dine on demand. Onboard Food & Beverage Manager. Limousine transfers in selected destinations.



CORAL ECONOMY CLASS



Coral Economy Class offers a 10.4" personal TV screen, generous seat pitch, width and leg rest. Video-on-demand in every seat. Award-winning cuisine. Complimentary luxury coach service between Abu Dhabi Airport and Dubai.



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COMPLIMENTARY HOTEL STAY—Fly in Diamond First or Pearl Business Class and you will enjoy a complimentary luxury 2 or 3 night selected hotel stay in Dubai or Abu Dhabi. Breakfasts and limousine transfers included! Valid for bookings to 31 August 2011. Terms and conditions apply and subject to availability.

Buy Business Class FLY First Class! Fares start from \$8450 ex SYD, MEL, BNE to Europe & UK and \$9470 ex SYD, MEL, BNE to New York. Complimentary airport transfer limousine service. Book by 1 July and valid for travel to 31 March 2012.

Terms and conditions apply and subject to availability.



PERTH DUXTON HOTEL

The Duxton Hotel has been a successful 5 star hotel in the centre of Perth since 1996. The refurbishment project commenced in September 2010 and has focused on introducing bright, funky colours in the new "facelift." These projects will be completed by the end of June 2011 with the soft refurbishment to all accommodation now complete.



MELBOURNE

[THE OLSEN]

Set on **Melbourne's** prestigious Chapel Street, **The Olsen Hotel** offers guests premier South Yarra accommodation infused with the lyrical works of Australian artist Dr John Olsen. Breathtaking mural and sculpture greet you on arrival and large prints adorn all hallways and suites. This boutique Melbourne hotel is complimented by a day spa, two delicious restaurants and outside on your doorstep is retail heaven with the finest of Melbourne shopping!



BLUE MOUNTAINS

Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa

Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa is an exclusive conservation-based resort bordering the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. Less than 3 hours from Sydney and located between two national parks, the resort is integrated into its environment. The resort comprises of 40 free standing suites and a main homestead with a full range of luxury facilities including Timeless Spa.

Exclusive Virtuoso benefits apply and packages are available from \$650 per night per couple including meals, a range of wines and beer with lunch and dinner plus much more. Call your MP Travel Leisure Department on 02 9993 9000 for further details.



MP's Cassandra O'Connor's BALI wedding day



"In December 2009, I was on a Jetstar flight to the Gold Coast and was flicking through a magazine when I stumbled across an amazing picture of a glass chapel, on a crystal clear pool, with cliff top views of the ocean and the words **Tirtha Uluwatu, Bali**. I stepped off the plane to Google Tirtha Uluwatu and looking at their website fell in love with the venue, so I investigated the cost of a wedding in Bali. We were sceptical that the venue could not possibly be as amazing as the picture, so we organised a holiday to Bali in September 2010 and we were definitely not disappointed. Tirtha strives to ensure your wedding day is perfect in every way. You are assigned a wedding planner and they assist you with absolutely everything.

The views, the architecture, and just the place itself evokes a sense of awe. From the moment we arrived we were blown away and knew we had to marry in this venue. The day came and the Balinese made it perfect in every way."

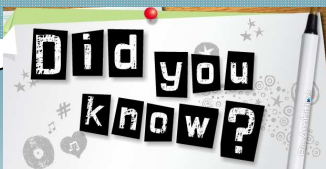
- Cassandra Ryan (nee O'Connor!)





COMO SHAMBHALA ESTATE in Bali is a residential health retreat combining holistic wellness with state-of-the-art facilities and exceptional villa accommodation. The location is unique, a spiritual enclave of jungle, river and sun-rich clearings just north of Ubud. Specialists in Yoga, Pilates and Tai'Chi provide inspiration and nurture, working in harmony with guides for mountain biking, hiking, climbing, rowing and outdoor circuit training. Asian therapies and healthy cuisine form part of dynamic packages created according to personal requirements. Most significantly, the estate is a place of beauty where silence reigns, where guests find their lost energy...

Call MP Travel Leisure Department on 02 9993 9000 and take advantage of Virtuoso benefits which include 10% reduction on specific programmes, complimentary cooking class for two and USD100 credit to spend on 'COMO Shambhala Active Living Collection'.



These celebrities are licensed pilots!



60 seconds
with Ashleigh Hillier

Let's chat to Travel Specialist, Ashleigh Hillier, from our Brisbane office.

FAVOURITE MOVIE: TAKEN with Liam Neeson

FAVOURITE FOOD: Indian—Chicken Marsala

I LIKE TO COOK: I don't cook!

I COOK BADLY: Everything!

MY FAVOURITE HOLIDAY: Spain

WHY: Warmth, sun, lifestyle

MY CHOICE HOTEL: Emporium Hotel, Brisbane

HOLIDAY I WANT TO HAVE: Maldives

3 HOLIDAYMUST HAVES: Make-up, my GHD, heels

TERRIFYING HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE: Staying in the less desirable part of Paris. Very scary!!!

IN QUEENSLAND, I WOULD TAKE YOU TO: The Gold Coast and go to Dracula's theatre restaurant for a fun night!

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