

# Air New Zealand opens Lookout Lounge ahead of major AKL lounge redevelopment



The Lookout Lounge at AKL opens December 12

[Air New Zealand](#) is unveiling The Lookout Lounge, a space at Auckland International Airport ([AKL](#)) opening on December 12, ahead of construction of Air New Zealand's new Koru Lounges next year.

Located on Level 2, closer to the departure gates, The Lookout Lounge will open daily during peak travel times (5:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 3.30 to 9:15 p.m.), giving passengers more room to relax and enjoy the friendly Kiwi service Air New Zealand is known for.

The Lookout Lounge will operate alongside the Koru Lounge during the summer holiday season and during the construction of the new lounges at AKL. Passengers will be welcomed at either lounge depending on availability, with both serving up the same signature Kiwi hospitality, food and drinks and that Air New Zealand warmth before take-off.

Air New Zealand General Manager Customer, Alisha Armstrong, said The Lookout Lounge offers a fresh take on the Koru Lounge experience.

"As we head into our busiest travel season, The Lookout Lounge will give our customers more space and comfort before they head overseas. It's a friendly and relaxed environment influenced by the very best of Aotearoa," Armstrong commented.

Taking inspiration from New Zealand's Great Walks, The Lookout Lounge nods to the spirit of exploration and discovery, with natural materials and an outlook that invites adventurers to pause and take in the view.

Visitors can expect a full buffet, a chef station serving made-to-order dishes that change throughout the day and a fully serviced bar and barista station, stocked with New Zealand beer and wine, and Coffee Supreme.

Construction of Air New Zealand's Koru Lounges at AKL is set to begin in 2026 and will take place in two phases. The current lounge will remain open with reduced capacity while work is completed on the Koru Premier Lounge for Koru Platinum (currently Airpoints Elite), Koru Black and Business Premier™ passengers, due to open in 2027. The current lounge space will then be redeveloped, with

the refreshed Koru lounge expected to open by late 2027.