
Qantas linking East-West domestic routes with widebodies

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Qantas announced today it would deploy a 767 aircraft with new interiors and individual in-flight entertainment on all weekday flights between Brisbane and Perth starting at the end of March, and speed up deployment of its A330 service between Sydney and Perth by more than a month from its scheduled May start.

“One of Qantas’ key strengths in the domestic market is our wide-body aircraft, which are very popular with our customers,” said Domestic Chief Executive Officer Lyell Strambi. “We will now have wide-body aircraft on all weekday flights between the Eastern states and Western Australia.”

Qantas says passengers have liked the new interiors and IFE on the 767 and the A330 aircraft will have more space and comfort and individual in-flight entertainment for all passengers.

“We are also the only domestic airline that offers a meal and checked-in baggage to every passenger as part of their fare, no matter what time they are flying or which class they are in,” says Strambi.

Qantas is refurbishing 16 767s with new interiors and individual in-flight entertainment. Six aircraft have completed the upgrade in Brisbane and are now operational.

Qantas’ 767 fleet will have updated cabin interiors; leather seats in Business Class and (IFE) streamed direct to iPads in every seat in Business and Economy.

In November, Qantas announced that A330 aircraft would be used on all midweek Sydney-Perth &

Melbourne- Perth flights from May. This date is being brought forward for Sydney-Perth services. Plans continue to deploy A330s on all weekday Melbourne-Perth flights starting in May.

Additionally, Qantas is currently expanding the Qantas Club at Perth Airport and investing in new infrastructure within the terminal as the airline expands its terminal space.