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QATAR AIRWAYS COMMENCES DAILY SERVICE TO CANBERRA

Qatar Airways officially launched a daily service between Canberra and Doha, when it touched down today, becoming the second airline to offer international flights at the airport.

Passengers on board the Boeing B777-300 were treated to a water cannon salute soon after the flight landed at 9.25am.

They included the CEO of Qatar Airways, Akbar Al Baker, the Australian Ambassador for Qatar, Dr Axel Wabenhorst, and members of the media.

After a fly-over of Canberra city the flight was greeted by Canberra Airport's Executive Chairman Terry Snow and Managing Director Stephen Byron, along with the ACT Chief Minister, Andrew Barr.

"We appreciate Qatar Airways' strong support for the nation's capital. An airline of this stature will further boost Canberra's reputation as a leading tourist destination, on the back of record numbers of international visitors coming in 2017, and Lonely Planet nominating the city a top three destination for 2018," Mr Snow said.

The aircraft will leave Canberra for Doha at 1:45pm, stopping over briefly in Sydney on the way.

Canberra passengers will collect their luggage and clear customs and immigration in Canberra.

The arrival of Qatar Airways now gives Canberrans and a million others living in the wider region access to a global network of more than 150 destinations, of which more than 40 are in Europe.

The passenger aircraft features a total of 358 seats, with 42 seats in business class and 316 seats in economy class.

Business class seats come with fully-flat beds.

Canberra is Qatar's fifth Australian destination, and the airport's second international airline, with Singapore Airlines also offering daily flights from 1 May.

Doha-Canberra Flights Schedule

Flights from Doha will arrive in Canberra at 8:35am daily. There is a short stopover in Sydney before the aircraft lands in Canberra.

Flights departing Canberra for Doha will leave at 13:45 daily. There is also a short stopover in Sydney on this leg of the route.

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