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New airline for Canberra Airport with a double destination service

Alliance Airlines has today announced it will commence 2 weekly scheduled services between Canberra and Sunshine Coast and onwards to Cairns from 23 October 2020.

The new double destination service is the first time Alliance Airlines has offered regular passenger services to Canberra and are one of Australia's top regional air operators headquartered in Brisbane.

Canberra Airport's CEO, Stephen Byron said "We are so pleased to be partnering with Alliance Airlines who will offer great value fares, provide Canberrans with access to a fantastic holiday destination and people from the Sunshine Coast an opportunity to experience all our region has to offer, as well as stimulating jobs and growing the air travel market which is a win-win for us all."

For the first time ever, residents of Canberra and (once border restrictions ease further) the surrounding region will be able to travel twice weekly non-stop to Queensland's beautiful Sunshine Coast.

Furthermore, all Canberra-Sunshine Coast services will continue onwards to Cairns, offering same-aircraft, same flight number services between Canberra and Cairns. The extension to Cairns is another first for Canberra, with Alliance Airlines offering the quickest and most direct route to Tropical North Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef.

Alliance Airlines CEO Mr Lee Schofield said, "thanks to the fantastic support from Canberra Airport, as well as from Sunshine Coast Airport and the Queensland Government, we are thrilled to be able announce this brand-new route to and from Canberra".

Chief Minister Andrew Barr said that this announcement would be an exciting opportunity for Canberrans. "Canberrans have so far done a great job of responding to COVID-19. I'm glad that common sense has prevailed in allowing Canberrans to holiday and visit friends and family in Queensland."

Flights will operate twice-weekly using Alliance's 100-seat Fokker 100 jet aircraft, offering industry-leading legroom in all seats.

Alliance Airlines launch fares between Canberra and the Sunshine Coast are on sale now until 2 October and start at \$129 one-way including taxes. Regular fares commence at \$169 one-way including taxes.

Fares between Canberra and Cairns are also on sale now until 2 October with a launch fare of \$249 one-way including taxes. Regular fares start at \$275 one-way including taxes.

For more information on how the Canberra Airport is working to keep passengers safe during and beyond COVID-19 go to: <https://www.canberraairport.com.au/>

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