



Hobart Airport finishes one of its busiest years with travel tips for the holidays

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It's going to be a busy holiday season at Hobart Airport, at the end of the busiest year in our history. To get your holiday off on the right foot we have put together some pointers that will help make sure your holiday starts on time and without unnecessary stress.

In the week leading up to Christmas, Hobart Airport is expecting to service over 400 flights, look after 55 000 passengers and park over 8 000 cars. This busy period continues over the holiday period, in fact our busiest day on record will be January 3 where there will be over 64 arrivals and departures from Hobart Airport.

Anyone who has not used the airport in a while will find there have been some changes. These are the 1st phase of our \$25 million terminal redevelopment.

Scheduling renovations through this busy time of year has been necessary, but work has been carefully planned to have a minimal impact on airport operations and our passengers. The end result will be a more spacious and improved airport experience. However, there are some areas that will be a little more crowded than usual this summer, notably the Virgin arrivals area and the passenger drop off lanes.

Travel tips to help start your holiday the right way.

- Plan to leave home a little earlier than usual for flights over Christmas and New Year. Traffic can be heavy on the Tasman Highway as people head to the east coast, the airport and to and from the Falls Festival, so plan a bit of extra travel time.
- If you are meeting and greeting friends and family, remember there is free 10 minute parking available in the main car park, which is accessible from the drop off lane. Remember you are not able to wait in the drop off lane nor can vehicles be left unattended
- Parking at Hobart Airport? We will have extra customer service representatives to provide directions and lend a hand.
- Expect the check in area to be busy with more travellers and more luggage Consider using online check in via your airline's website to speed up the process.
- Remember that each airline has different time limits on checking in before a flight. Make sure you know what that time limit is and aim to arrive at the airport well before.

- Make security screening a breeze by locating items that need to be individually x-rayed, such as laptops and aerosol cans, are in an easy to reach part of your carry-on baggage.

Once you are through to departures, enjoy the free wifi while you grab a Villeno coffee or a snack while you wait for your flight to board.

With just a little travel extra time and thinking ahead during the busy Christmas and New Year break, you'll get your holiday started on the right note.

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