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Hobart Airport Festive Season Officially in Full Flight

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The festive season is officially in full flight at Hobart Airport as Tasmania's most popular gateway prepares for the busiest time of the year.

Hobart Airport CEO Norris Carter said the Christmas cheer was building at Hobart Airport, as it prepares for a potential record January too.

"Already we have an extra five to six flights arriving every single day, and that's just going to keep on increasing as the holiday season peaks," Mr Carter said.

"Across the festive peak of December 20 to January 6 we expect to welcome more than 184,000 travellers to our airport. That's an increase of 11,000 travellers compared with last year.

"We expect our busiest day before Christmas will be December 23 as people return to spend Christmas with loved ones, with around 11,000 travellers expected in one single day.

"The busiest weekend will be January 4, 5 and 6, with 34,500 travellers coming through Hobart Airport, and a potential record breaking 290,000 passengers across the month of January.

"There's nothing like the pure joy of seeing visitors excited for the adventures ahead and families reunited for Christmas and New Year. But the joy doesn't stop at our arrivals gate, it will spread right across Tasmania as our peak tourist season kicks off."

Mr Carter reminded travellers that the airport may look a little bit different this year, with the \$130 million runway upgrades and the Airport's investment of \$200 million in the terminal expansion.

"We're doing everything we can to make sure your holidays get off to a good start, with extra staff and volunteers on board to help wherever we can.

"We will also have performers to share the Christmas spirit including musicians and children's entertainer Mrs Bee, plus a Ho-Ho-Hobart colouring competition with a Lego prize for the kids.

"There are some really simple things that all travellers can do too to ensure a stress-free start to their holiday; prepare for lines, arrive ahead of time and stay kind.

“On behalf of all of us at Hobart Airport, we wish everyone safe travels these holidays.”

Festive Season Travel Tips

1. Expect it to be busy – there will be queues.
2. Allow extra time for parking and security screening.
3. Be patient and kind to our incredible team working hard this Christmas.

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