

# Air New Zealand, See You in October

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Air New Zealand has wrapped up a successful return to the Tasmanian skies and is starting a seasonal-pause before the Hobart to Auckland flights start up again in October 2025.

The Hobart to Auckland direct international flight returned in October last year, and over the past five months has proven hugely popular.

Premier and Minister for Tourism Jeremy Rockliff said the Air New Zealand flights had been a great boom for the state's tourism industry.

"The return of Air New Zealand direct flights to Hobart has been a soaring success," Premier Rockliff said.

"Tasmania's visitor economy has benefited from more than 20,000 travellers who have arrived in our state aboard the Air New Zealand flights this season.

"This is a marked 11 per cent increase on the previous year, with full flights, averaging around 86 per cent of all seats filled on every flight.

"It's great news for our accommodation, restaurant, café and attraction operators across the state, with visitors from New Zealand ranking among the top spenders of all travellers."

Hobart Airport CEO Norris Carter said the Air New Zealand flights would return in October this year for another anticipated successful season.

"This is not goodbye, this is see you soon," Mr Carter said. "In fact, travellers can already jump online and book tickets for the much-anticipated return of the popular service.

"It's really proven to be a must-do trip, whether you're a Tasmanian looking for a break or a New Zealander looking for a great holiday here.

"We're continuing to work with Air New Zealand to potentially expand the season in the future. This is all part of Hobart Airport's commitment to making tomorrow's Tasmania possible, with more international offerings.

"That's why we're investing \$130 million in runway upgrades, \$200 million to redevelop the terminal, and over \$20 million in carparks, forecourt and road works."



Air New Zealand General Manager Kathryn O'Brien said Air New Zealand looked forward to the October return.

"As we reach the end of our seasonal services to Tasmania, we want to take a moment to thank all our customers who chose to fly with us this summer. It's been a pleasure connecting travellers with Tasmania's unique beauty and experiences and offering Tasmanians a direct connection to Aotearoa.

"This season, we saw an exciting increase in Tasmanian customers using the route as a gateway to explore destinations further afield, like the US, Canada, Asia, and the Pacific Islands. Additionally, more international visitors – especially from places like Canada – have been stopping over in Auckland on their way to Tasmania, making the route a popular choice for holidaymakers.

"We can't wait to return in October and look forward to the continued growth and success of this special route. Until next summer, Tassie. See you soon!"

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