

Christmas takes flight at Hobart Airport

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The Christmas spirit is in full flight at Hobart Airport with a record-breaking festive season.

Hobart Airport is set to welcome 160,000 passengers through the terminal from today to January 5, 2026 – that's more than a 10 per cent increase compared with last year.

Boxing Day will be the busiest day ever, with close to 14,000 travellers and 84 flights into and out of Hobart Airport.

This is part of the one in a million summer at Hobart Airport, with a record 1,000,000 seats on flights to and from Hobart across this December to February.

Hobart Airport Chief Operating Officer Matt Cocker said it was clearly the season for travel.

"Over the peak Christmas and holiday season, we're going to see an average of 11,000 travellers arriving and departing Hobart Airport each day," Mr Cocker said.

"In total, we'll see 1,032 flights over the two-weeks from now to January 5, around 16 more flights per day than a typical day.

"We're hoping to keep holiday spirits flying high by asking travellers to be kind and arrive ahead of time, to give yourself plenty of time to park and check in.

"We have entertainment for children with Mrs Bee's craft and music activities, team members handing out candy canes, and live music to enjoy. Extra volunteers, and staff are also helping at Arrivals and near our new security screening area.

"We appreciate that the record numbers together with our terminal expansion work, which is now around a third of the way through, will make it very busy at Hobart Airport.

"But our team will be on hand to help in any way we can this Christmas. From everyone here at Hobart Airport, we wish everyone safe travels this Christmas, and a Happy New Year."

Tips for a stress-free start to your holiday

- With record travel numbers and terminal upgrades, it'll be busier than usual. Giving yourself extra time is the simplest way to reduce stress.
- Check in online before you get to the airport.
- Arrive a little earlier to find a park and get through security screening smoothly
- And remember, a little patience goes a long way in keeping the festive spirit alive for everyone.