

Administrator of Christmas Island Administrator of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands



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Additional IOT flights

Transition planning to the new air services partnership with Qantas is progressing well and I am pleased to confirm the schedule for the monthly flights to Christmas Island for 2026.

In addition to the weekly Monday and Friday flights from 3 November 2025, Qantas will travel return from Perth to Christmas Island on:

- 15 November 2025
- 20 December 2025
- 31 January 2026
- 14 February 2026
- 14 March 2026
- 18 April 2026
- 23 May 2026
- 27 June 2026
- 18 July 2026
- 15 August 2026
- 26 September 2026
- 10 October 2026
- 14 November 2026
- 19 December 2026.

These monthly flights have been scheduled noting key local dates and travel periods of high demand. The flights up to September 2026 are available to book now. Flights only open for sale 355 days in advance of the travel date, so the 2026 flights beyond September 2026 will become available from 355 days out.

The monthly flights to Christmas Island are part of the additional seats available under the Qantas partnership. The extra capacity for Christmas Island helps to relieve demand on the usual triangulated services to Cocos and Christmas Islands.

A reminder that Qantas will price-match cancelled Virgin flights for those rebooking on a new Qantas service and who provide appropriate supporting evidence.

Travelers on the IOT flights will be able to both earn and redeem Frequent Flyer points and earn status credits in line with eligibility guidelines. In addition, the rate for child fares on the IOT route will be 75% of adult fares.

The dedicated Qantas call centre line, which is available on 1300 026 698 between the hours of 8am-7pm Christmas Island time, is for urgent IOT route enquiries for individual passengers only.

The Group Travel team are available on 13 26 24, while travel agents can contact Qantas Agency Connect on 13 17 11 for assistance with agent bookings.

Queries about Virgin bookings should be directed to its contact centre on 13 67 89.

If you have general questions about the transition process, you can contact IOTairservicestransition@infrastructure.gov.au

I will be providing further information on the detailed transitional arrangements, including for air freight, as they are finalised, so look out for more updates shortly.

Farzian Zainal, Administrator of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands