

Monthly Passenger Statistics: March 2017

	March				Rolling 12 months			
	2017	2016	Growth		Current	Previous	Growth	
International (T1 only)	59,880	57,260	2,630	4.6%	657,320	600,050	57,270	9.5%
Domestic (T1 & T2)	317,190	323,310	-6,120	-1.9%	4,197,700	4,072,890	124,810	3.1%
Transfer and transit (T1 & T2)	21,960	23,930	-1,970	-8.2%	311,780	262,040	49,730	19.0%
Total	399,030	404,500	-5,470	-1.4%	5,166,790	4,934,980	231,810	4.7%

Seats	540,420	547,330	-6,920	-1.3%	6,791,600	6,556,940	234,650	3.6%
Airport load factor	73.8%	73.9%		-0.1%	76.1%	75.3%		0.8%
Flights	3,820	3,950	-140	-3.5%	47,830	46,690	1,150	2.5%

Easter timing & schedule changes

Domestic passengers were lower than 2016 due to the timing of Easter, which was March 27 last year. There was also a reduction of domestic sectors operating from T1 because Jetstar re-deployed the aircraft to Japanese routes.

Japan route developments

In March, 32,880 passengers flew on the Osaka and Tokyo routes, the highest number since 2005. It also notable that the record was set outside the traditional peak month of August. This is due to year-round growth of Japanese visiting Cairns and Australians travelling to Japan.

In March, Jetstar and Jin Air expanded their interline agreement to include Korea-Japan-Cairns routes. This improves access for Koreans wishing to come to Cairns throughout the year.

Air New Zealand returns

Air New Zealand resumed seasonal flying between Auckland and Cairns. In the 2017 season they will be offering 44,500 seats, an 11% increase over 2016. This increase is due to more flights between August and October and greater use of wide-body aircraft including, for the first time, flights with their Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner.

Hong Kong route developments

In response to higher demand, Hong Kong Airlines will increase flights from 3/week to 5/week between July and October. In 2017, they will offer 122,000 seats into Cairns, which is a 49% increase over 2016.

Cathay Pacific will be ending the Brisbane extension over the peak November to April season. These dedicated flights mean that every seat on the airliner will be available for passengers flying to or from Cairns. On the northbound sector to Hong Kong, the earlier arrival time of 1:20pm will open new connections to cities in China, India, South East Asia and North America.

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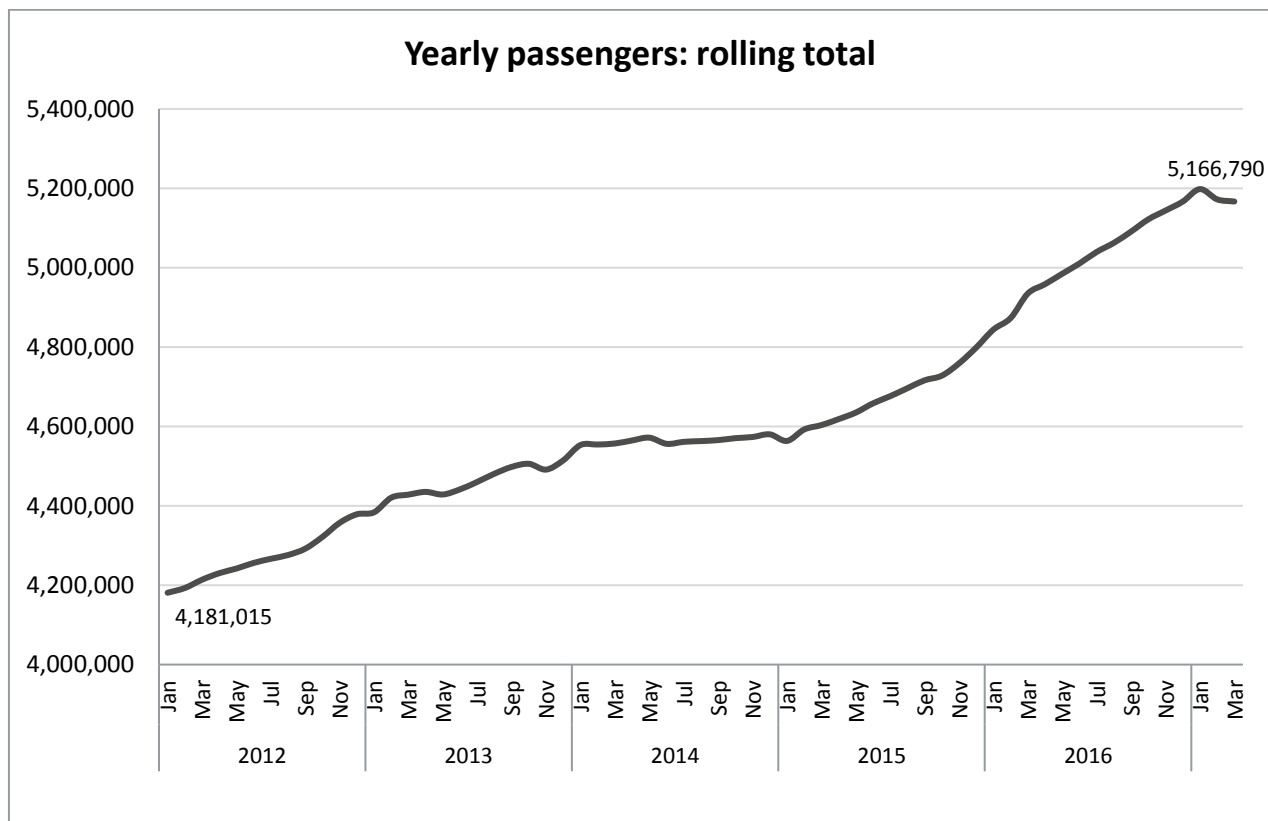
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FY17 monthly passenger data

FY2017	Total	International (T1 only)			Domestic (T1 & T2)			Transit & Transfer
		Arrivals	Departures	Total	Arrivals	Departures	Total	T1 & T2
Jul 2016	493,721	29,112	25,280	54,392	204,148	207,440	411,588	27,741
Aug 2016	472,007	30,405	34,950	65,355	188,613	194,736	383,349	23,303
Sep 2016	454,488	26,839	29,900	56,739	190,602	180,368	370,970	26,779
Oct 2016	470,548	28,018	27,623	55,641	191,105	197,403	388,508	26,399
Nov 2016	421,222	25,249	27,697	52,946	171,451	173,689	345,140	23,136
Dec 2016	459,008	28,916	32,268	61,184	189,290	177,339	366,629	31,195
Jan 2017	462,497	32,225	30,625	62,850	180,413	190,638	371,051	28,596
Feb 2017	354,167	24,878	25,625	50,503	138,062	142,662	280,724	22,940
Mar 2017	399,027	28,407	31,474	59,881	159,845	157,344	317,189	21,957
Apr 2017								
May 2017								
Jun 2017								
TOTAL	3,986,685	254,049	265,442	519,491	1,613,529	1,621,619	3,235,148	232,046



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