



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Bula! Adelaide Airport & State Government welcome Fiji Airways direct flights**

Adelaide Airport and the State Government have welcomed the announcement this morning that Fiji Airways will fly direct between Adelaide and Nadi from June 2017.

The new service will operate twice a week during peak season from 30 June 2017. It will utilise a Boeing 737-800 offering economy and business class seating options.

Services from Nadi on FJ961 will depart at 4.30pm and arrive in Adelaide at 8.30pm on Monday and Friday.

Services from Adelaide on FJ960 will depart at 10.00pm on Monday and Friday and arrive in Nadi at 5.35am the following morning (all times are local).

Flights are now on sale with return economy airfares starting from \$799. Tickets can be purchased through the Fiji Airways website, [www.fijiairways.com.au](http://www.fijiairways.com.au), or by calling the Fiji Airways Global Reservations Centre.

#### **Adelaide Airport Managing Director, Mark Young, said:**

"Fiji has always been a hugely popular destination with South Australian travellers, and Fiji Airways' new link will make it even more attractive.

"This creates another one-stop connection with the US West Coast with the added bonus of being able to stopover in beautiful Fiji.

"South Australia's strong Fijian community will also benefit from a direct link with Nadi bringing them closer to their family and friends.

"Fiji Airways is an airline partner of Qantas, which means Qantas Frequent Flyers can earn and use points on this service."

#### **South Australian Tourism Minister Leon Bignell, said:**

"Today's announcement is more good news for the State's booming \$6 billion visitor economy as airlines from around the world pick Adelaide as a global destination.

"In the past 12 months more than 50,000 US visitors came to SA and Fiji Airways will provide even more options for visitors from the United States to travel to South Australia."

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## **Bula Adelaide!**

*Fiji Airways to operate flights out of its newest Australian port, Adelaide Airport.*

**21 December, 2016:** Fiji Airways, Fiji's National Airline, has announced plans to commence twice weekly direct services to Nadi from Adelaide commencing on Friday, June 30, 2017. As well as giving South Australians direct access to Fiji, the new route will also act as a gateway to the United States (Los Angeles and San Francisco) via Nadi.

This marks the fourth Australian leg for the airline after Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. Diversifying the Australian market has been a goal of Fiji Airways for some time as so many Australians fly to Fiji every year.

"We're delighted to launch our fourth Australian route, which will allow us to bring our unique Fijian hospitality to South Australia and will provide an alternative route to the United States via Nadi," said Andre Viljoen, Managing Director and CEO of Fiji Airways.

The new service will be good news for the sizeable Fijian community living in South Australia.

"South Australia's strong Fijian community will benefit from a direct connection to Nadi to bring them closer to family and friends," said Mark Young, Managing Director at Adelaide Airport.

Furthering this, South Australians are connected like never before to the South Pacific region with Fiji Airways directly to Tonga, Samoa and Vanuatu via Nadi.

Fijian Attorney General and Minister for Public Enterprises and Civil Aviation, the Honourable Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum said the direct flights to Adelaide has come at an exciting time with the announcement of the new B737 Max 8 aircraft.





“This has further enhanced Fiji’s footprint in new ways beyond the eastern seaboard of Australia,” he said.

“This concludes a great 2016 overall for Fiji Airways with the launch of direct routes to Singapore and San Francisco earlier in the year.”

Hon. Sayed-Khaiyum said the new route couldn’t have come at a better time with Adelaide flights starting just before the second term school holidays in South Australia.

South Australia Tourism Minister, Leon Bignell welcomed the announcement saying Adelaide has welcomed many airlines from around the world and Fiji Airways will provide even more options for visitors travelling to South Australia.

Flights are now available for sale with return economy airfares starting from AUD799 per person.

Tickets can be purchased through the Fiji Airways website, [www.fijiairways.com](http://www.fijiairways.com), or by calling the Fiji Airways Global Reservations Centre.

Flight details

<b>Flight Number</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Departure Time (local)</b>	<b>Arrival Time (local)</b>	<b>Day of Week Operation</b>	<b>Aircraft Type</b>
FJ961	Nadi	Adelaide	4:30pm	8:30pm	Monday, Friday	Boeing 737-800
FJ960	Adelaide	Nadi	10:00pm	5:35am +1	Monday, Friday	Boeing 737-800

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**About Fiji Airways:** Founded in 1951, Fiji Airways Group comprises of **Fiji Airways**, Fiji's National Airline and its subsidiaries: **Fiji Link**, its domestic and regional carrier, **Pacific Call Comm Ltd**, and a **38.75% stake in the Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa** on Denarau Island, Nadi. Fiji Airways has a fleet of brand new wide body A330s and refreshed B737 aircrafts. Fiji Link has a fleet of ATR 72, ATR42 and DHC-6 Twin Otter aircraft. From its hubs at both Nadi and Suva International Airports, Fiji Airways and Fiji Link serve 64 destinations in 13 countries (including code-share). Destinations include Australia, New Zealand, the USA, the UK, Hong Kong, Singapore, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. The Fiji Airways Group brings in 64 percent of all visitors who fly to Fiji, employs over 1000 employees, earn revenues of over FJD\$815 million (USD \$390m), and directly contribute a significant portion of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Fiji Airways rebranded from Air Pacific in June 2013. Visit [www.fijiairways.com](http://www.fijiairways.com) for more information.

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