



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Adelaide welcomes first Vietnam airline

Adelaide Airport has welcomed an announcement by Vietjet that it will commence services between Adelaide and Ho Chi Minh City via Perth from November 21, 2023 in time for the busy summer peak. It will be the first Vietnamese carrier to fly scheduled services to Adelaide.

Vietjet will operate five services a week from Ho Chi Minh City from Sunday to Thursday. Return flights from Adelaide will depart Monday to Friday. The airline is expected to fly an Airbus A321NEO on the route.

Adelaide Airport Managing Director, Brenton Cox, said it was exciting to welcome Adelaide's first regular Vietnamese service.

"We've had flights to Vietnam on our radar for some time and we're delighted that Vietjet has recognised the opportunity to add Adelaide to its network," Mr Cox said.

"Vietnam has long been an underserved market of ours and we are confident there are strong economic and tourism links between Vietnam and South Australia that will translate into significant interest in these flights.

"There is also a strong and vibrant Vietnamese community in South Australia so we would envisage interest from customers wanting to visit family and friends both here and in Vietnam.

"Both the Ho Chi Minh City to Adelaide and the Adelaide to Ho Chi Minh City flights will have a short one-hour stopover in Perth each way and will operate during the day, so there's no dreaded overnight flight.

"If the service attracts strong passenger numbers, we'll be keen to have further discussions with Vietjet with a view to turning this into a non-stop service between the two cities."

Vietjet offers additional connection options through its extensive network through Vietnam and South East Asia, with flights to more than 120 domestic and international destinations.

Vietjet Vice President of Commercial Mr Jay L Lingeswara said: "Vietjet pre-existing routes connecting Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane respectively with Ho Chi Minh City have created more favourable conditions than ever for the people and tourists of the two countries.

"With these new routes to Perth and Adelaide, Vietjet has five routes connecting five largest cities in Australia with Vietnam which offer passengers unparalleled access to our exceptional flying experiences complemented by a wide array of convenient products and services, meticulously tailored to fulfill the diverse demands of travel, education, and trade exchange of passengers at reasonable costs."

Flights will operate as follows:

#### Sunday - Thursday

VJ89 Depart Ho Chi Minh City (SGN) 0635 - Arrive Perth (PER) 1420

VJ89 Depart Perth 1520 – Arrive Adelaide (ADL) 2110

#### Monday - Friday

VJ80 Depart Adelaide 0725 - Arrive Perth 0855

VJ80 Depart Perth 0955 - Arrive Ho Chi Minh City 1540