



QATAR AIRWAYS FLY TO SYDNEY AS BILATERAL IS RELAXED.

News / Airports / Routes



A week after the Australian government granted the State of Qatar – and therefore **Qatar Airways** – a long-sought capacity increase, Qatar Airways has wasted no time and announced a daily Doha-Sydney service from 01-Mar-2016 on the 777-300ER. This finally places Qatar in Australia's largest city, complementing existing daily services to Melbourne and Perth.

The generous-sounding 50% capacity increase means an additional seven weekly flights to primary gateways for a total of 21 for Qatar. This compares to Emirates' 84 weekly flights to primary gateways. Qatar's scheduled seat capacity into Australia will be 17% the size of Emirates and 44% the size of Etihad. Although Qatar will finally add **Sydney** to its network, it faces some challenges making European connections work due to its hub structure. One disadvantage it may face too is on-carriage. **Qantas** – which partners extensively with Emirates – does not carry Qatar's code on any of its services and Etihad and **Virgin Australia** are partners.

01 OCTOBER 2015

SOURCE: CENTREFORAVIATION

ARTICLE LINK:

<https://to.50skyshades.com/news/airports-routes/qatar-airways-fly-to-sydney-as-bilateral-is-relaxed>