



Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) Program Fact Sheet

1 April 2021

Purpose

- The Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) program will help drive tourism demand for interstate travel and support economic recovery in regional Australia.
- The program will halve the price of over 800,000 airfares to select tourism regions for interstate travel.

Duration and availability

Discounted tickets are on sale from 1 April to 30 June, for travel until September 2021. Consumers will be able to access the reduced ticket prices at the time of booking.

Over 800,000 economy tickets will be available across the travel period until sold out, distributed among the participating airlines and eligible regions. Tickets under the program will be available for economy class fares only.

Discounted tickets are available in both directions enabling consumers to book flights that are convenient to them, including choosing to fly with different airlines on different journey legs.

Where

The initial regions included under TANS are:

- Adelaide
- Broome
- Darwin
- Gold Coast
- Great Ocean Road (Avalon)
- Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie
- Kangaroo Island
- Lasseter and Alice Springs
- Merimbula
- Sunshine Coast
- Townsville
- Tropical North Queensland (Cairns)
- The Whitsundays (Proserpine and Hamilton Island).

Program design

The regions selected:

- Have been hit by the loss of international tourists
- Are economically dependent on tourism – for jobs and GDP
- Are dependent on aviation for tourists
- Are particularly reliant on tourism during the period April to September.

In addition, Kangaroo Island's tourism sector was impacted by bushfires prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Merimbula's tourism sector was impacted by the bushfires and the Victorian border closures.

To make it more convenient for travellers relying on routes with minimum connectivity, airlines are also increasing capacity to some of the targeted regions.

Participating airlines

Airlines expected to participate include:

- Qantas and Jetstar
- Virgin Australia
- Rex
- Airnorth
- Alliance
- Fly Pelican
- Link Airways

Eligible air operators may apply for grant funding under the scheme at any time over the duration of the grant opportunity. Further details including program guidelines will be available on the Grantconnect website at <https://www.grants.gov.au/>

Border closures

Tickets are sold with the airlines' usual terms and conditions. Travellers should carefully consider these conditions and take out travel insurance as appropriate.

Program review

There is capacity to add to the list of regions, taking into account consumer demand, the capacity of the destinations and the success of the program. Regions wanting to put a case forward can email tans.regions@austrade.gov.au.

Further Information

The TANS program is administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. For more information on the program, please contact tans@infrastructure.gov.au.