



JETSTAR ENDS A330 OPERATIONS, MOVES TO ALL-787-8 LONG-HAUL FLEET

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Jetstar has completed the transition of its long-haul flying to an all-Boeing 787-8 operation and returned the last Airbus A330-200 in its fleet back to Qantas.

The final A330 service touched down on Saturday, with VH-EBE operating flight JQ6 from Honolulu to Brisbane landing just before 1700 local time.

It marks the end of a two-year transition from the A330 to the 787-8, following delivery of Jetstar's first Dreamliner in October 2013.

Jetstar has 11 787-8s flying on international routes across the Asia-Pacific, as well as a few domestic services within Australia. The Qantas-owned low-cost carrier also plans to use the Dreamliner on trans-Tasman services over summer.

And the 787-8 will touch down in Wuhan, China on September 30 when Jetstar begins new twice weekly flights from the Gold Coast in partnership with Chinese conglomerate Wanda Group.

Jetstar said in a statement on Friday there would be more than 300 Chinese visitors on the inaugural Wuhan-Gold Coast service.

"These new flights from Wuhan will be a boon for local tourism with some 70,000 seats a year on offer between the Gold Coast and one of China's fastest growing cities," Jetstar head of commercial for Australia and New Zealand Nigel Fanning said in a statement.

"With a population of more than 10 million, Wuhan is the largest city in central China and it's a great sign for the Gold Coast that we're off to such a strong start with flight bookings."

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