

TIGER AIRWAYS MARKS ITS TERRITORY

Tiger Airways announced today that Darwin – Melbourne will be its inaugural Australian domestic sector, confirming that Darwin will be the airlines' Australian gateway for international connections. Flights will start 1 December 2007, with Melbourne/Darwin fares starting from \$79.99 one-way inclusive of taxes, and Melbourne/Singapore via Darwin from \$499 return.

Today's announcement is a huge win for the Northern Territory's community, with new daily services to Melbourne, an increase in services to Singapore from 5 to 7 per week, and for the first time increased stopover traffic for Darwin. This will have positive flow on benefits for tourism, trade and business in the Territory.

Northern Territory Airports CEO Ian Kew was delighted with the announcement, and confirmed that this follows months of discussions with Tiger Airways. Mr Kew said, "The airport has been promoting the use of Darwin as Australia's northern gateway for some time now and Tiger Airways' announcement today will turn this into a reality. The new services will provide much needed capacity on the Melbourne – Darwin sector, which is currently the most underserved sector to Darwin. Darwin will now have increased capacity to Australia's second largest market, and will provide Victorian's the opportunity to explore the Territory.

Tiger Airways CEO Tony Davis added, "Tiger Airways is pleased to offer our first domestic route, linking our home base of Melbourne and our international gateway of Darwin, with one-way prices of less than half of the advertised fare of our competitors. "

"Darwin has long suffered from a lack of affordable domestic air fares and this new service by Tiger Airways, with our true low, low fares, will be welcomed by both travellers and the tourism industry alike."

"Australians can finally enjoy real low fare, reliable travel between the Northern Territory and Melbourne", he said.

The new services will effectively double existing capacity on the Melbourne-Darwin sector with an additional 131,000 seats per year, while capacity on the Singapore-Darwin sector will increase by 40% or 37,440 seats per year. This will provide major opportunities for all of the Northern Territory's tourism operators.

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Notes:

Singapore/Darwin/Singapore (TR703/702)

- Tiger Airways services on the Singapore/Darwin/Singapore sector will be retimed for improved connections to/from Melbourne. The changes on the Singapore/Darwin/Singapore sector are effective 29 October 2007.
- Services will increase from 5 per week to daily effective 1 December.
- The retiming of Darwin-Singapore flights will offer improved connections to Tiger Airways' network.

Current timing (to 28 October 2007)		Revised timing (from 28 October 2007)	
Dep SIN	20.20	Dep SIN	18.00
Arr DRW	02.35+1	Arr DRW	00.15+1
Dep DRW	03.15	Dep DRW	00.55
Arr SIN	06.10	Arr SIN	03.50

Melbourne/Darwin/Melbourne (TT7566/7567)

Melbourne/Darwin/Melbourne (TT7568/7569)

- Tiger Airways will operate a 'split' schedule on the Melbourne/Darwin sector to facilitate connections to Singapore in both directions

TT7566/7567		TT7568/7569	
Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun		Tues/Thurs/Sat	
Dep MEL	23.00	Dep MEL	20.00
Arr DRW	01.50+1	Arr DRW	22.50
Mon/Tues/Thur/Sat		Wed/Fri/Sun	
Dep DRW	02.20	Dep DRW	00.05
Arr MEL	08.00	Arr MEL	05.45

Melbourne/Darwin/Singapore flight combos

- Passenger from Melbourne to Singapore via Darwin will be offered immediate connections (2hours 5 mins) three times per week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday flights.
- Passengers from Singapore travelling to Melbourne via Darwin have immediate connections on four flights per week on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.