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TIGER ROARS INTO GOLD COAST AIRPORT

Low cost airline Tiger Airways has pounced on the Australian market with its first official touch down nationwide at Gold Coast Airport at 8am today (23/11).

Up to 180 passengers traveling on Tiger Airways flight number TT7402 ex Melbourne were greeted at Gold Coast Airport with a roaring reception from local media and tourism partners.

Tiger Airways will now operate three return flights daily between Melbourne and Gold Coast Airport, effective immediately.

Gold Coast Airport Chief Operating Officer Paul Donovan welcomed the new service as a shot in the arm for tourism to South East Queensland and Northern New South Wales.

“This new service is the result of a lot of hard work and dedication by our team and our partnership with Gold Coast Tourism,” Mr Donovan said.

“Gold Coast Airport is experiencing tremendous growth at the moment.

“This new service is on top of recent capacity increases on Gold Coast routes by our existing airline partners. In fact, we now have more flights than ever before directly into and out of the Gold Coast. Sydney-Gold Coast continues to perform as the fourth busiest sector in the country while Melbourne-Gold Coast is our fastest growing route. Internationally, we now have direct connections to Asia and our New Zealand routes continue to perform extremely well.

“We are delighted to welcome Tiger Airways as part of our Gold Coast family and look forward to working with the tourism industry to ensure the service is a roaring success.”

Gold Coast Tourism CEO Pavan Bhatia said the arrival of Tiger Airways signaled the next phase of destination competition in Australia.

“With three carriers now opening up the Australian landscape, it is an even more competitive environment for destinations; the success of a destination in creating desirability is key to the success of the airlines and their routes,” Mr Bhatia said.



“In this context, it is significant that Tiger Airways has chosen the Gold Coast / Melbourne route as their first, the popularity of the Gold Coast and the region’s strategy for further growth has made this the most compelling destination for this very smart business.”

Tiger Airways will operate into the recently renovated Terminal 3 building at Gold Coast Airport, located north of the main terminal.

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