

## Virgin Australia & Qatar Partnership Takes Flight



Virgin Australia and the Gulf carrier Qatar Airways have officially joined forces from the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, with the partnership unlocking a trove of perks including greater routes, reciprocal lounge access and full points earn and burn, to name just a few.

A big win for travellers, the fresh pairing significantly expands the networks and loyalty programmes of both airlines, allowing frequent flyers to seamlessly broaden their horizons, jetting across Australia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East on a single ticket.

It also opens up more upgrades and reward seats. Virgin's 10 million-plus Velocity members can now earn Velocity Points and Status Credits for flights operated by Qatar Airways, as well as use points to book flights across all Qatar Airways cabins, including first class and the superb Qsuites business class.

On top, members of Qatar Airways' Privilege Club can now also earn Avios and QPoints on flights operated by Virgin Australia.

Flights are available to book now for travel from September 12.

# Virgin, Qatar codeshare

Travel is now easier thanks to a joint 'codeshare' pact extending across the full network of both airlines.

Qatar Airways flights to over 140 destinations worldwide will sprout a VA code, while the QR prefix will appear on all Virgin Australia flights – allowing passengers to journey all the way from London to Sydney (as an example) on Qatar Airways and then seamlessly connect to a Sydney–Cairns flight by Virgin Australia, all on one booking.

## Review your flight selection

### Departing Monday, 26 September



**4:35 pm**

CNS

29 hr 35 min · 2 stops (SYD, DOH)

+1 day

**1:10 pm**

LHR

VA 1424 · Boeing 737-800 · Virgin Australia | VA 6131 · Airbus A380-800 · Qatar Airways | VA 6106 · Airbus A380-800 · Qatar Airways

### Returning Sunday, 2 October



**9:00 am**

LHR

40 hr 20 min · 2 stops (DOH, SYD)

+2 days

**10:20 am**

CNS

VA 6110 · Airbus A380-800 · Qatar Airways | VA 6130 · Airbus A380-800 · Qatar Airways | VA 1413 · Boeing 737-800 · Virgin Australia

## Redeeming Velocity points with Qatar Airways

Frequent flyers keen to step aboard Qatar Airways can now redeem Velocity points for flights in economy, business and first class across the Middle Eastern airlines' full network.

Reward pricing is determined by zones/miles flown, based on the same Reward Points table used on Singapore Airlines and Etihad Airways flights. Simply search the route on Virgin's Mileage Calculator to find the number of miles, which then correlates to the table.

# Virgin, Qatar lounge access

Top-tier members of the Virgin Australia and Qatar Airways frequent flyer programs also enjoy access to the other airline's lounges.

For Qatar Airways, Privilege Club Gold and Platinum members will be able to visit any Virgin Australia lounge (excluding the invite-only Beyond, of course) ahead of their domestic VA flight.



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