



PRESS RELEASE

Friday 16 August marked a new era of airline travel in Australia, with Aircalin operating the first Airbus A330neo flight to Sydney. Aircalin, the international airline of New Caledonia, is the first airline in the Asia-Pacific region to operate the A330neo.

The A330neo offers enhanced performance and comfort, with improved aerodynamics and an optimised structure, powered by new generation Trent 7000 Rolls Royce engines that provide a quieter propulsion system, with improved fuel economy and a longer range. The arrival of the first A330neo is part of a complete fleet renewal plan for Aircalin, with another A330neo due for delivery by October 2019 and two new A320neo aircraft in 2020 and 2021.

A new experience on board.

On board the A330neo, Aircalin has focused on passengers' well-being, with state-of-the-art In-flight Entertainment and onboard connectivity, a very quiet cabin, optimised layout and a modular lighting atmosphere. With a capacity of 291 seats in 3 fully personalised Classes (including a newly introduced Premium Economy class), passengers will enjoy increased comfort.

The 3 cabins are inspired by New Caledonia's colours and rich biodiversity.

In the **Hibiscus Business Class**, comfort and sophistication are key. The atmosphere is inspired by the New Caledonia seashore, with sand and coral hues and contemporary materials. It features 26 seats in a 1-2-1 layout. The 26 bucket "OPAL" Seats offer the 3F's: Fully-Flat, Full Access, and Full Privacy for optimal comfort. The Business class cabin offers refined onboard service, including a new culinary experience and a modern style bar.

The intimate atmosphere of the new **Premium Economy Class** showcases New Caledonia's unique biodiversity, with the cabin designed to provide maximum comfort and rest. The 21 "ZIM MAGIC" seats are allocated over 3 rows in a 2-3-2 row layout.

In **Economy Class**, the seats and layout have been improved and modernised. The atmosphere is inspired by the New Caledonia lagoon with shades of blue and traditional Pacific patterns. There are 244 seats, in a 2-4-2 row layout.

The A330neo will fly to Sydney once a week on Fridays from the 16th of August and twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays starting from October.



Hibiscus Business Class



Premium Economy Class



Economy Class

To coincide with the delivery of its new aircraft, Aircalin has also unveiled new uniforms for its cabin crew and ground staff. Through the new “Islands” collection, Aircalin asserts its role as New Caledonia’s ambassador airline, promoting the culture and diversity of the destination. The “Islands” collection defines modern elegance with a conspicuous New Caledonian touch.





Didier Tappero, Aircalin's CEO, said, "The purchase of the A330neos will enable Aircalin to have modern efficient aircraft, providing the best travel conditions to Aircalin's customers. With determinedly New Caledonia-style cabins and colours, our aircrafts will proudly display New Caledonia's colours across the Pacific."

[About Aircalin](#)

Aircalin currently operates a fleet of 1 A330neo-900, 1 A330-200, 2 A320-200 and 2 Twin-Otter DHC6. In August 2019 Aircalin received delivery of its first A330neo and a second one is expected in September-October, then 2 A320neo in 2020 and 2021. These new-generation aircrafts will enable the airline to offer state-of-the art services while reducing its environmental impact. Aircalin currently flies to 11 destinations out of Noumea: Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Auckland, Nadi, Papeete, Port-Vila, Wallis, Futuna, Osaka and Tokyo. Thanks to codeshare agreements and commercial agreements, Aircalin can link Noumea to over 100 destinations all over the world.

In 2018 Aircalin carried 411,000 passengers and about 5,000 tons of freight.