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Japan Airlines to Launch Two New Routes!

Narita - Melbourne (1 September) and Narita - Kona (Hawaii Island) (15 September)

~ **Kona will be a new destination on Narita's international network and will bring the total number of destinations to 110 cities** ~

Narita International Airport Corporation (NAA) is pleased to announce that Japan Airlines (IATA Code: JL) will launch new services from Narita to Melbourne and Kona in September 2017. These will be the only services to those destinations by a Japanese carrier. Narita will be the only airport in Japan to have a daily service on the new Kona route, which is to be resumed after an absence of approximately 7 years since October 2010 when Japan Airlines last operated the route. This will not only augment Narita Airport's international network from the current 109 cities to 110 cities, but will also offer a new option for customers traveling to Hawaii, a popular destination from Japan.

We invite customers to take advantage of Narita's extensive network, which will soon be further expanded by the launch of these Japan Airlines flights.

Melbourne

- Launch date: 1 September 2017 (Fri)
- Service: Narita - Melbourne
- Aircraft: B787-8
- Operating days: Daily

	Flight No.	Origin	Departure Time	Destination	Arrival Time
Outbound	JL773	Narita	10:30	Melbourne	21:55
Inbound	JL774	Melbourne	0:05	Narita	9:05



Photo of B787-8 aircraft provided by Japan Airlines

Kona (Hawaii Island)

- Launch date: 15 September 2017 (Fri)
- Service: Narita - Kona (Hawaii Island) ← **New destination on Narita network!**
- Aircraft: B767-300
- Operating days: Daily

	Flight No.	Origin	Departure Time	Destination	Arrival Time
Outbound	JL770	Narita	21:25	Kona	10:15
Inbound	JL779	Kona	12:15	Narita	16:00 (next day)



Photo of B767-300 aircraft provided by Japan Airlines

* All times are local times.

* For further information, please refer to the JAL website (<https://www.jal.co.jp/>)

Melbourne Facts

Melbourne is Australia's second largest city after Sydney with a population of 4.6 million. Famous for being the world's most livable city (*), it is also often referred to as Australia's garden city with its Victorian architecture and lush greenery. The Great Ocean Road located approximately 90 kilometers to the south west is considered by many to be one of the world's most scenic coastal drives. Melbourne is also a sports city and hosts international tennis tournaments and the Formula 1 Grand Prix. For business too, it rivals Sydney as a major base for automobile and food industry companies.

The movement of people and goods between Japan and Australia is expected to accelerate with the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement which came into force in January 2015. Last year, the number of visitors to Japan from Australia increased 18% on the previous year to more than 440,000 (*2). The launch of Japan Airlines's Melbourne service is anticipated to further improve business and leisure travel convenience between the two countries.

Reference: Australia services from Narita Airport
(Services operated by JAL underlined)



Streets of Melbourne

Kona Facts

Hawaii Island, where Kona Airport is situated, is also known as "the Big Island" and is the largest of the Hawaii islands. Offering a diverse range of fun activities from stargazing programs on the summit of Mauna Kea to tours to explore the great outdoors such as the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Kilauea volcano, and the Waipio Valley, as well as snorkeling, trolling and other marine activities, the island is a very popular tourism destination for Japanese travelers, particularly among repeat visitors. Japan Airlines' daily service to Kona will greatly improve access to Hawaii Island from Japan.

Reference: Hawaii services from Narita Airport (Services operated by JAL underlined)



Sunset from the summit of Mauna Kea