

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR BOXING DAY BARGAINS BUT CHRISTMAS DAY FLIGHT DEALS STILL IN THE AIR

CHEAP Boxing Day flights are becoming harder to land, but it's not too late to secure a Christmas Day airfare bargain.

With just one week to go until the peak Christmas travel period, Flight Centre has reviewed current domestic airfare prices for December 25 departures and compared them to prices currently available for December 26 departures.

The review, which was based on fares available on flightcentre.com.au at 9am today, found that travellers could save more than 20% on average by taking off to Australia's holiday hotspots on Christmas Day, rather than Boxing Day.

Flight Centre Limited executive general manager of marketing Colin Bowman said heavy demand for flights on December 26 meant bargain fares were becoming hard to find.

He said Christmas Day departures could prove a more attractive option for travellers who were purely looking to save money.

"Boxing Day is traditionally the year's busiest travel day, so the cheapest seats tend to sell-out quickly," Mr Bowman said.

"If you are planning on travelling this Christmas and haven't yet booked a flight, you will find it is still possible to catch an affordable flight on December 26, but you will generally find cheaper options on other days.

"Obviously, travelling on December 25 is not going to suit everyone, but there are reasonable savings on offer for those who can be flexible.

"Regardless of whether you're considering flying on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or any other time during the holiday period, the key to saving money now is to get in as soon as possible, before the cheapest remaining economy fares sell-out."

Flight Centre reviewing bas airfare prices on the flightcentre.com.au website for December 25 and December 26 departures on 10 popular domestic routes.

Savings were on offer for December 25 departures on 10 of 10 flights.

Full details are included on the table below.

ROUTE	DEC 25 DEPART (one-way base fare)	DEC 26 DEPART (one-way base fare)	SAVING
Brisbane-Sydney	\$99*	\$109*	9%
Melbourne-Sydney	\$89*	\$135*	34%
Melbourne-Brisbane	\$159*	\$229*	30.5%
Perth-Melbourne	\$269*	\$299*	10%
Sydney-Melbourne	\$69*	\$79*	13%
Sydney-Brisbane	\$129*	\$149*	13%
Adelaide-Melbourne	\$129*	\$189*	32%
Adelaide-Sydney	\$198*	\$259*	27%
Brisbane-Cairns	\$159*	\$198*	20%
Sydney-Gold Coast	\$149*	\$209*	29%

*Prices are subject to change and availability at the time of booking

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