

WELCOME TO THE QANTAS FOUNDERS MUSEUM

We are an independent not-for-profit community organization and registered charity, operating since 1996, to commemorate the ethos and preserve the material heritage of Qantas Airways Ltd.

Today, we are an award winning, world-class museum and cultural display, eloquently telling the story of Qantas through interpretive displays, interactive exhibits, original and replica aircraft and an impressive collection of genuine artifacts.

Our aircraft collection incorporates four of the world's most significant aircraft – the Consolidated PBY Catalina Flying Boat, Douglas DC-3, Boeing 707 and the legendary Boeing 747. In addition, we have full scale replicas of some of the most important aircraft in the early Qantas fleet – de Havilland DH-61 Giant Moth, de Havilland DH-50, and Avro 504K Dyak; Qantas' first aircraft.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Qantas Founders Museum is a project owned by The Trustee for the Qantas Foundation Memorial Trust (The Trust). The Trust is independent of Qantas Airways Ltd and is a not-for-profit trust company established by the people of Western Queensland to honour the founders of Qantas and to preserve the heritage of Qantas Airways Ltd.

If you would like to support Qantas Founders Museum, you can become a member or donate to The Trust. Every dollar counts when preserving Australia's aviation history! For more information, please go to our website: www.qfom.com.au/the-foundation

ADMISSION PRICES

For more information about the museum's admission prices and packages, please visit the museum website www.qfom.com.au/admission-prices/ or call (07) 4658 3737.

Discount rates are available for groups, seniors, children and students.

OPENING HOURS

The Museum is open daily from 9:00am to 5:00pm (except Christmas and Boxing Day). Please check the museum's website for Summer hours. Special opening hours are available to groups and charters by prior arrangement.

Tours operate daily and bookings are essential. Combination tour packages are also available.

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MUSEUM

The Museum tells the story of Qantas from the early days in Outback Queensland to present day. Displays focus on the founding figures of Qantas, life in Outback Queensland in the 1920s and the advancement and impact of aviation in Australia and the world.

Combining easy to read displays, oral history, genuine artefacts and interactive multimedia exhibits, the Museum offers the visitor a definitive historical experience of Qantas' heritage.

Your admission to the Museum gives you access to our main exhibition hall, Catalina Flying Boat and National Heritage Listed Qantas Hangar containing the DH-50 and DH-61 aircraft. Access to the Boeing 747, 707 and DC-3 aircraft is only available to guests on one of our guided tours.

JET TOUR

The Jet Tour is a 90 minute (1.5hrs) experience which takes you behind the scenes on our two jet aircraft, the Boeing 747 and 707. You'll also view our DC-3 and marvel at the changes in airliner design technology since the 1930s.

The Tour begins at the 747 with a walkaround inside and out, showing you features such as the Lavatory Service Hatch, Traffic Collision Avoidance System, Flight Recorders (the Black Box) and many other systems, all explained in layman's terms by our experienced tour guides. Outside, you'll discover the secrets of the engines, undercarriage and wings, inside, you'll learn how to "arm the doors", check out the top deck and have a peek at the flight deck and crew rest area.

Our 707 is an aircraft like no other. Learn about the aircraft's unique history as the first Boeing 707 sold outside of the United States, its first days with Qantas, its conversion to a luxury charter jet to the rich and famous including its time as the personal jet of a Saudi prince. Still sporting the luxury interior, you can get to see how the other half lived; check out the fine timber, crystal and gold plated fittings. This aircraft is one of four Boeing 707-138s remaining in existence.

The tour also stops beside our DC-3 and tells the history of DC-3 service with Qantas to destinations such as Papua New Guinea.

There are very few places in the world where you can tour fully equipped aircraft like this. Whether you've never flown before or fly all the time for work, it's a fair bet you've never seen a jet up close like this before!



747 WING WALK TOUR

The 747 Wing Walk Tour is an extra 45 min personalised tour, for no more than six people. It consists entirely of features not included on the standard Jet Tour and showcases parts of the Boeing 747 which larger groups cannot access. Our experienced guide will show you the rear pressure bulkhead and horizontal stabiliser assembly beyond the pressurised part of the fuselage. You'll also inspect the cargo hold underneath the main cabin.

Then there's the chance to sit in the pilot's seat and have

our guide show you what some of the many switches and buttons do! The tour concludes with a once in a lifetime opportunity to walk on the wing of the 747, safely strapped into a harness and attached to a static line, where you can enjoy the most unique view of the aircraft to be found anywhere! The Wing Walk Tour is only available for guests 12 years or older and all participants must wear enclosed shoes for the tour.



THE RESTAURANT

Our award winning McGinness' Restaurant is open for Breakfast and Lunch daily and is one of the most popular eateries in Longreach with locals and visitors alike. Choose from a selection of meals, beverages, cakes and snacks while enjoying the aviation themed settings and views over the Catalina Display and Longreach airport runway.



FLIGHT SIMULATOR EXPERIENCE

The Museum is also home to the world's only Bristol Fighter simulator, the aircraft Qantas founders Paul McGinness and Hudson Fysh flew together during World War One. Once you've flown the Bristol, you may like to try our Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II Jet simulators to experience a near 100 year leap in technology! The Bristol Fighter Simulator is part of the museum admission while F-35 simulator sessions of 30 minutes can be booked at the front counter.

PLATINUM PACKAGE

Available only by advance booking, the Platinum Package is our premium experience of all the museum has to offer. The experience starts with a three hour guided tour for no more than six people of the Boeing 747 and 707 including the Jet Tour, access to the private rooms of the 707 and a Wing Walk on both jet aircraft, the only place in the world to do it! After your tour, you have the rest of the day to explore the museum and enjoy a meal in our McGinness Restaurant using your meal voucher before leaving with your 6x9 photo from your tour. The Platinum Package is only available for guests 12 years or older and all participants must wear enclosed shoes for the tour.