

Getting to Newcastle

Road: The main access from Sydney is via the F3 Freeway. The journey takes approximately two hours. Take the Newcastle exit and this will take you all the way into the CBD. Other major routes are the coastal Pacific Highway and the inland New England Highway from Brisbane. Renting a car is certainly an option for those wanting an easy two-hour drive from Sydney. Hertz Rentals are reliable but you can compare prices at www.vroomvroomvroom.com.au/locations/newcastle/

Rail: Newcastle is part of the City Rail network centred on Sydney. There are frequent return services daily. Fast Countrylink trains connect Newcastle to Sydney, Brisbane and other country centres. See the [City Rail web site](#) for the timetable. You will need to look for the 'Central to Newcastle' times. Make sure that you are on an express train and get off in Newcastle at the 'Civic' station. The Crowne Hotel, The Clarendon and the Ibis are all within easy walking distance of the Civic station.

Air: Newcastle Airport (Williamstown) is the major regional airport and is located 30 minutes from Newcastle city centre. The airport is served by QantasLink and has daily flights to and from Sydney, Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Melbourne as well as some regional NSW centres. Brindabella airline runs direct flights from Newcastle to Canberra. Aeropelican and Rex provide return commuter flights daily to Sydney. **Taxis** cost approximately AUS\$45 from the airport to the city.

Aeropelican: <http://www.aeropelican.com.au/>

Brindabella Airlines: <http://www.brindabellaairlines.com.au/>

Jetstar: <http://www.jetstar.com>

QantasLink: <http://www.qantas.com.au>

Rex Regional Express: <http://www.regionalexpress.com.au/>

Virgin Blue: <http://www.virginblue.com.au/>

Coach: Newcastle is serviced by coach companies throughout Australia. Connections to and from various locations are provided on a regular basis.

This information has been taken from the Hunter Tourism website.