



# Connecting South Australia: Aviation Update

## Adelaide Airport Passenger Statistics

April 2026

|                                                | Monthly        |                |              | Rolling 12 months |                  |              |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                                | Apr-26         | Apr-25         | Variance (%) | Apr-26            | Apr-25           | Variance (%) |
| <b>Domestic*</b><br><i>*Including regional</i> | 694,657        | 669,676        | 3.7%         | 7,887,580         | 7,672,878        | 2.8%         |
| <b>International</b>                           | 96,509         | 91,237         | 5.8%         | 1,244,775         | 1,000,164        | 24.5%        |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>791,166</b> | <b>760,913</b> | <b>4.0%</b>  | <b>9,132,355</b>  | <b>8,673,042</b> | <b>5.3%</b>  |

### Adelaide Airport has achieved its busiest week on record and busiest April on record despite headwinds from the Middle East.

A total of 791,000 people passed through the terminal in April 2026, a 4.0 per cent increase on the previous year.

International passenger numbers continued to increase, despite the absence of Emirates and Qatar Airways due to issues in the Middle East, and the end of seasonal services to Hong Kong and San Francisco. The result demonstrates the strength of international travel demand. Even accounting for four fewer operational services compared with the start of the year, 97,000 international passengers passed through the airport last month, a 5.8 per cent increase on the year prior.

This lifted the moving annual total to 1.25 million passengers to the end of April, an increase of 24.4 per cent on the previous 12-month period. Passenger numbers over the past year were bolstered by new services including United Airlines flights to San Francisco, Qantas to Auckland, Air New Zealand to Christchurch and Indonesia AirAsia to Bali, as well as the return of Cathay Pacific to Hong Kong and China Southern now operating year-round. Malaysia Airlines has introduced its new A330neo aircraft on the Adelaide – Kuala Lumpur route, offering 28 Business Class and 269 Economy Class seats.

Domestic and regional passenger numbers have increased by 3.7 per cent year-on-year to 695,000. April figures benefited in particular from the AFL Gather Round weekend. The week of 7-13 April was Adelaide Airport's busiest week on record, with close to 200,000 domestic, regional and international passengers.

Seasonal international services to San Francisco with United Airlines and Cathay Pacific to Hong Kong concluded in late March, while seasonal services to Christchurch with Air New Zealand and Qantas to Auckland finished in early May. Indonesia AirAsia has suspended services to Bali from mid-June due to rising fuel costs and operational constraints.

Adelaide Airport welcomed more than 6,100 New Zealand passport holders in April, overtaking India and China – both with 6,000 passport holders. A total of 2,550 passport holders travelled from Malaysia and 2,300 from the United Kingdom. Rounding out the list of top 10 nationalities were Singapore, Indonesia, Nepal, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Adelaide Airport in April was also named best airport in Asia for excellence in airport and destination marketing at an international aviation conference in China.

The impact of the Middle East conflict on fuel prices continues to create uncertainty to medium term passenger forecasting. However, the recent resumption of Emirates flights to Dubai from the beginning of and the planned resumption of Qatar Airways services from mid-June will help support international growth heading into the second half of the year. China Eastern will commence flying to and from Shanghai from June 2026 on a seasonal basis.



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# Our International Destinations

## Airlines and Frequency

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### Legend

- Operating
- Coming soon
- Seasonal
- Suspended

| Airline            | Destination    | Avg weekly frequency |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Air New Zealand    | Auckland       | 4                    |
|                    | Christchurch*  | 2                    |
| Cathay Pacific     | Hong Kong*     | -                    |
| China Eastern      | Shanghai*      | -                    |
| China Southern     | Guangzhou      | 2                    |
| Emirates           | Dubai          | 3                    |
| Fiji Airways       | Nadi           | 3                    |
| Indonesia AirAsia  | Bali           | 4                    |
| Jetstar            | Bali           | 10                   |
| Malaysia Airlines  | Kuala Lumpur   | 7                    |
| United Airlines    | San Francisco* | -                    |
| Qantas             | Auckland*      | 4                    |
| Qatar Airways      | Doha           | Returns 16 June      |
| Singapore Airlines | Singapore      | 10                   |

\* Seasonal service