



Connecting South Australia: Aviation Update

Adelaide Airport Passenger Statistics

February 2026

	Monthly			Rolling 12 months		
	Feb-26	Feb-25	Variance (%)	Feb-26	Feb-25	Variance (%)
Domestic* <i>*Including regional</i>	586,474	581,725	0.8%	7,834,680	7,673,068	2.1%
International	105,328	79,143	33.1%	1,218,583	983,942	23.8%
Total	691,802	660,868	4.7%	9,052,389	8,657,010	4.6%

International passenger numbers at Adelaide Airport in February increased by more than 30 per cent on the previous year as demand for new services grow in February.

Adelaide Airport achieved record passenger numbers for February 2026, with 692,000 people passing through the terminal, a 4.7 per cent increase on the previous year. International passenger numbers surged in the month following the significant increase in capacity over the past year. A total of 105,000 international passengers passed through the airport in February, a 33.1 per cent increase on the year prior.

Domestic and regional passenger numbers increased by 0.8 per cent year-on-year to 586,000. February domestic demand remained solid with point-to-point travel growth offset by the increase in travellers flying direct internationally rather than first transferring domestically via another Australian city.

In addition to the significant uptick in international travel, the month of February was supported by major events including LIV Golf, the Adelaide Fringe Festival and the start of the Adelaide Festival. The Lunar New Year also contributed to several peak travel days either side of 17 February.

As at 28 February, Adelaide Airport continues to be served by a record 12 international airlines flying to 11 different destinations.

Supporting the international passenger increase in recent months has been the introduction of 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, while China Eastern will commence flying to and from Shanghai from June 2026 on a seasonal basis.

Malaysia Airlines in February has commenced daily services, up from five a week, while Air New Zealand's seasonal service to Christchurch will continue until May 2026. Adelaide Airport in February welcomed more than 10,800 Chinese passport holders, 9,300 from India, 5,600 from the United Kingdom and 4,700 from New Zealand. Rounding out the list of top 10 nationalities were Malaysia, United States, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia and Nepal.

Domestic and regional passenger numbers were supported by an uptick in regional travel, while Qantas has commenced flying its new A220 aircraft between Adelaide and Brisbane. Indonesia AirAsia will move to a daily service year-round to Bali in March and up to 10 flights a week during peak periods, while Jetstar will start flying between Adelaide and Avalon from 26 March.

At the date of this report, Emirates and Qatar Airways flights have been cancelled due to events in the Middle East, with some passengers rebooking on other carriers. Despite the strong growth outlined above, the ongoing conflict is expected to impact international travel from March.



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Jetstar Adelaide to Melbourne Avalon:
[Jetstar invests in major Melbourne Avalon Airport expansion with direct flights to Bali and Adelaide](#)



Our International Destinations

Airlines and Frequency
March 2026



Legend

Operating

Coming soon

Airline	Destination	Avg weekly frequency
Air New Zealand	Auckland	5
	Christchurch*	2
Cathay Pacific	Hong Kong*	3
China Eastern	Shanghai*	-
China Southern	Guangzhou	3
Emirates	Dubai	Suspended
Fiji Airways	Nadi	2
Indonesia AirAsia	Bali	6
Jetstar	Bali	11
Malaysia Airlines	Kuala Lumpur	7
United Airlines	San Francisco*	3
Qantas	Auckland*	4
Qatar Airways	Doha	Suspended
Singapore Airlines	Singapore	10

*Seasonal service