



# Passenger Statistics

## Q1 FY26

### Adelaide Airport's international passenger growth has taken off

PAX ('000s)	Q1 YTD FY2026		
	Sep-25	Sep-24	Growth (%)
<b>Domestic</b> <i>(Including regional)</i>	1,951	1,900	2.7%
<b>International</b>	305	237	28.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,256</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

#### Summary

More than 2.2 million total passengers passed through Adelaide Airport in the first quarter of Financial Year 2026 (FY26), growing 5.5 per cent compared with the same quarter last year.

Demand for travel was led by international traffic hitting a record high of more than 300,000 in Q1 FY26 — a 28.4 per cent increase year-on-year. The winter school holidays saw particularly strong demand, with July alone welcoming more than 103,000 international travellers. Bali continues to be the top leisure destination, bolstered by Indonesia AirAsia's four weekly flights and Jetstar's expanded schedule of 11 services per week.

For domestic, more than 1.9 million passengers travelled through the terminal, growing by 2.7 per cent. Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane were the busiest domestic routes, accounting for 65 per cent of traffic. With AFL finals falling in the September peak, footy fans joined holidaymakers in adding to the buzz across the terminal with the busiest day being 26 September (25,433 total passengers). Jetstar has capitalised on domestic capacity growing less than demand, basing an additional aircraft in Adelaide and increase capacity between Adelaide and Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth, adding more than 350,000 seats per annum.

Adelaide Airport is excited to welcome United Airlines in December 2025, the return of Qantas international to Auckland and a new Air New Zealand Christchurch service in October, and celebrate the return of Cathay Pacific in November 2025, with a record 12 international carriers flying to 11 destinations by the end of this year.

#### Highlights



##### Malaysia Airlines Increases to Daily

Malaysia Airlines recently announced it will increase its Adelaide – Kuala Lumpur service from five flights per week to daily from February 2026, adding more than 60,000 additional seats per year. Malaysia Airlines will also introduce its new A330neo aircraft, configured with 28 Business Class and 269 Economy Class seats, including 24 seats with extra legroom.

*Upcoming Commencement*

##### Air New Zealand Christchurch

Air New Zealand announced the launch of first-ever flights between Adelaide and one of our sister cities, Christchurch. The new non-stop service will operate two flights per week, seasonally on the A320neo Airbus aircraft. This service will commence from 28 October 2025 until 28 March 2026.

##### Qantas Auckland

Qantas has announced new flights between Adelaide and Auckland, starting 31 October 2025, marking the airline's return of non-stop international flying from South Australia. This seasonal route, operated on a Boeing 737 aircraft, will add more than 30,000 seats.

##### Media Releases

- [Malaysia Airlines Increases to Daily Adelaide Flights - to Fly New A330neo Aircraft](#)
- [Jetstar adds more than 350,000 new low fares seats to Adelaide network](#)

