



Connecting South Australia: Aviation Update

Adelaide Airport Passenger Statistics

May 2026

	Monthly			Rolling 12 months		
	May-26	May-25	Variance (%)	May-26	May-25	Variance (%)
Domestic* <i>*Including regional</i>	630,422	614,869	2.5%	7,903,886	7,677,791	2.9%
International	85,945	91,727	-6.3%	1,238,993	1,019,444	21.5%
Total	716,367	706,596	1.4%	9,142,879	8,697,235	5.1%

Adelaide Airport achieved its busiest May on record, with solid growth in domestic passenger numbers outweighing a decrease in international traffic through the Middle East.

A total of 716,000 people passed through the terminal in May 2026, a 1.4 per cent increase on the previous year. For the past 12 months, total passenger numbers have increased 5.1 per cent to 9.14 million.

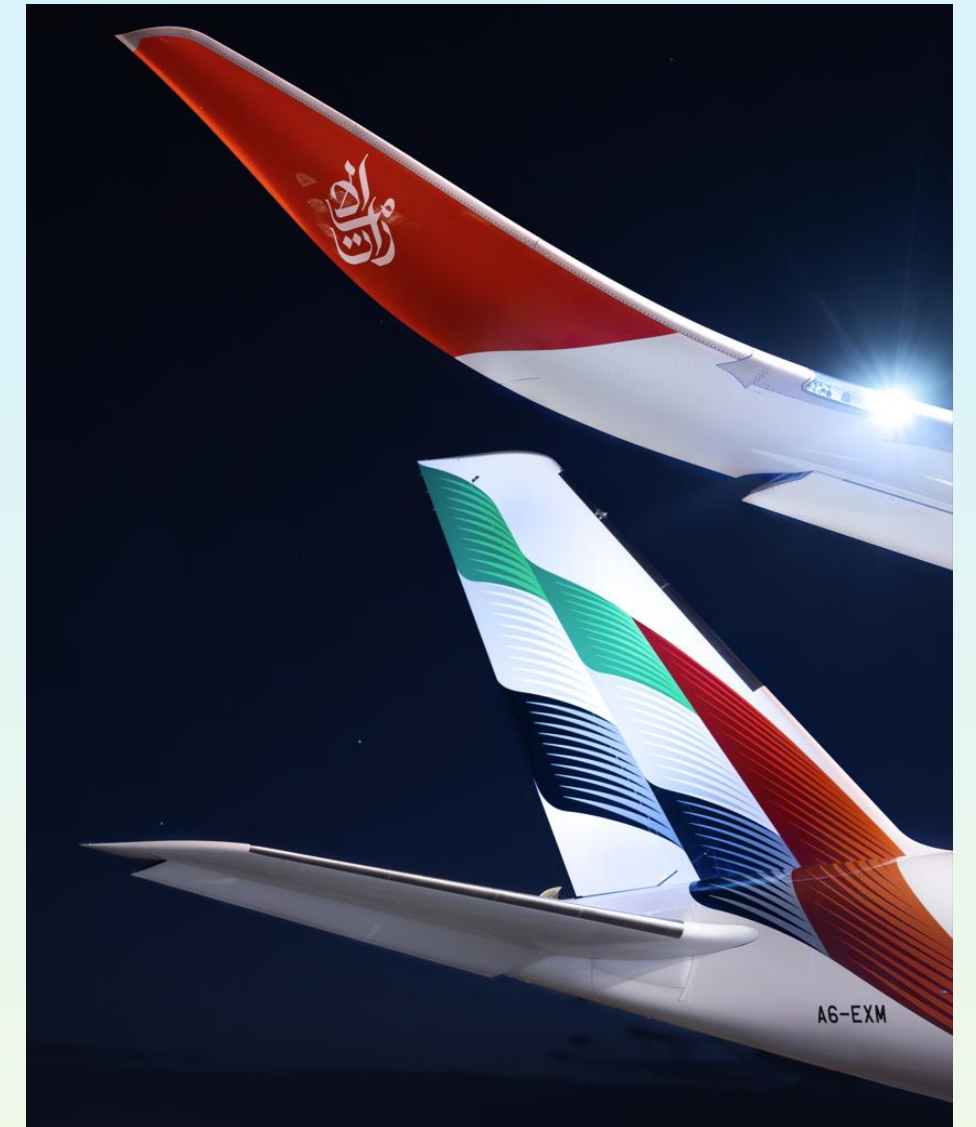
Domestic traffic increased 2.8 per cent to 579,000 passengers, supported by strong year-on-year growth on key leisure routes, with services to Gold Coast, Darwin and Brisbane all experiencing an increase in passenger numbers. Regional traffic ticked up 0.1 per cent to 51,000 passengers.

Major business and convention events notably contributed to (predominantly domestic) passenger growth in May, including the hosting in Adelaide of both the Australian Tourism Exchange and Asia Pacific Hotel Industry Conference & Exhibition.

International traffic in May 2026 decreased by 6.3 per cent due to the absence of Qatar and only a small number of Emirates services in the month. This was the first month this year that did not experience international growth, as March and April were still benefiting from the large numbers of new seasonal services despite the absence of middle eastern carriers. Thankfully all seasonal international services that flew over the summer months (Cathay Pacific, United, Qantas, Air New Zealand) have confirmed they will be returning with further seasonal services in late 2026 and into 2027.

Adelaide Airport welcomed more than 6,000 Indian passport holders in May, ahead of China with 4,300 and New Zealand with 3,500 passport holders. A total of 2,700 passport holders travelled from Malaysia and 2,400 from Singapore. Other Top 10 countries included the United Kingdom, Indonesia, Nepal, Vietnam and the Philippines.

The month of June will be impacted by the suspension of Indonesia AirAsia services to Bali. While it is exciting that both Emirates and Qatar Airways will return to flying daily services mid-June, this will compare to daily for the full month of May 2025. We also get to welcome the commencement of Adelaide's first service to Shanghai with China Eastern from 21 June.





Our International Destinations

Airlines and Frequency

Looking Forward: June 2026



Legend

Operating

Seasonal

Airline	Destination	Avg weekly frequency
Air New Zealand	Auckland	4
	Christchurch*	-
Cathay Pacific	Hong Kong*	-
China Eastern	Shanghai*	3
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*	-
Qatar Airways	Doha	7
Singapore Airlines	Singapore	10

*Seasonal service

**Indonesia AirAsia suspended from 18 June 2026