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PNG Air Strengthens Fleet and Reliability with Arrival of New ATR Aircraft - P2-ATY “Wewak”

PNG Air continues to strengthen its operations and network with the arrival of its 4th ATR aircraft in 6 months, part of the airline’s ongoing fleet renewal program increasing capacity to support the growing demand across the country.

The new aircraft will maximize the expanded schedule and enhance operational reliability as PNG Air continues to serve and better connect communities, businesses, and essential services throughout Papua New Guinea.

Fleet investment has already contributed to measurable improvements in operational performance.

In January 2026, PNG Air achieved an on-time performance of 87.12%, which is considered an exceptionally strong result by global industry standards. Worldwide, leading airlines typically operate within an on-time range of 75% to 85%.

The airline also reduced cancellations to a mere 1.52% in January, reflecting improved aircraft availability and operational excellence.

These results mean fewer disruptions and more dependable travel for passengers — an essential factor in a country where air transport plays a critical role in daily life and economic activity.

“Every investment we make in our fleet is about reliability,” said PNG Air. “Our goal is to operate consistently and get our customers where they need to be, when they need to be there — because in Papua New Guinea, air travel is essential.”

The expanded fleet supports PNG Air’s revised network schedule introduced in December 2025, now operating across 22 destinations using a fleet of ATR and Dash 8 aircraft.

Additional aircraft have enabled:

- Reinstated services to Vanimo and Kavieng
- New direct routes to Madang and Hoskins
- Overnight aircraft positioning to improve early morning departures and network reliability

Capacity has also increased significantly in December 2025, representing a 269% increase year-on- year.

Investing for the Long Term

The latest aircraft arrival forms part of PNG Air's broader strategy to modernize its fleet and build a stronger operation which will support PNG's national development.

"Reliable air service is more than convenience — it is critical infrastructure. Strengthening our fleet allows us to improve performance today while building the foundation for long-term growth."

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