

FLIGHT INFORMATION TO AND FROM THE COOK ISLANDS

Los Angeles Capacity Boost, & Schedule changes between Rarotonga and Los Angeles, and Rarotonga and Sydney.

Air New Zealand's direct services between Rarotonga and Los Angeles, and Rarotonga and Sydney will undergo a schedule change and, in the case of Los Angeles, introduce a 36% increase in capacity with the addition of new premium seats later in the year.

NORTH AMERICA, AND UK/EUROPE MARKETS:

From 02 December 2016, Air New Zealand will up-gauge from the existing B767-300 aircraft to a B777-200ER operation, flying non-stop between Los Angeles Tom Bradley Terminal and Rarotonga. The B777-200ER operation will offer 26 Business Premier seats, 40 Premium Economy seats, and 246 Economy seats. The new operation will bring about a schedule change for the North America market, moving from a Saturday evening departure from Rarotonga to a Friday evening, arriving Los Angeles on Saturdays. This change is effective from 04 November 2016.

From Los Angeles, the new operation will commence on Saturday evenings from 05 November 2016, with the return flight arriving Rarotonga on Sunday mornings.

The new LOS ANGELES schedule will be as follows;

	FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPARTURE TIME (local)	ARRIVAL TIME (local)
Rarotonga to Los Angeles:	NZ18	11.50pm Friday	11.15am Saturday
Los Angeles to Rarotonga	NZ19	10.45pm Saturday	6.30am Sunday

The Cook Islands will be the only South Pacific destination to offer a Premium Economy class from the United States.

AUSTRALIA:

From 03 November 2016, direct services will depart Sydney on a Friday, arriving into Rarotonga on Friday mornings. Services currently depart Sydney on a Saturday.

Return Direct flights will then depart Rarotonga on a Thursday, arriving into Sydney on Friday evening.

Air New Zealand will continue to operate their B767-300 aircraft with 24 Business Class seats and 206 Economy Class seats.

The new SYDNEY schedule will be as follows;

	FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPARTURE TIME (local)	ARRIVAL TIME (local)
Rarotonga to Sydney	NZ61	3.45pm Thursday	7.50pm Friday
Sydney to Rarotonga	NZ60	9.20pm Friday	6.30am Friday

Change to Air Rarotonga Sunday Flight Schedule

Please find below Air Rarotonga's new Sunday Flight schedule from Rarotonga to Aitutaki.

The following schedule is effective from Sunday 03rd April 2016 - 23rd October 2016;

	FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPARTURE TIME	ARRIVAL TIME
Rarotonga to Aitutaki	GZ616	12.30pm	1.20pm
Aitutaki to Rarotonga	GZ617	1.40pm	2.30pm
Rarotonga to Aitutaki	GZ620	5.30pm	6.20pm
Aitutaki to Rarotonga	GZ621	6.40pm	7.30pm

For travel from Sunday 30th October 2016 - 25th March 2017, the schedule times will change to the following;

	FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPARTURE TIME	ARRIVAL TIME
Rarotonga to Aitutaki	GZ616	11.15am	12.05pm
Aitutaki to Rarotonga	GZ617	12.25pm	1.15pm
Rarotonga to Aitutaki	GZ620	3.00pm	3.50pm
Aitutaki to Rarotonga	GZ621	4.10pm	5.00pm

Local airline purchases new Cessna Citation Business Jet

Air Rarotonga has acquired a Cessna Citation business jet to expand air charter operations both within the Cook Islands and to neighbouring Pacific Island countries. The jet will be delivered to Rarotonga in August and will come with additional equipment to undertake medevac flights within the region and to New Zealand.

The aircraft seats up to eight passengers and can reach the northern group islands, Tahiti or Niue direct from Rarotonga in less than two hours.