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Air Mauritius takes delivery of its new ATR72-500 – Ile aux Aigrettes



Air Mauritius took delivery of its new ATR72-500 on Friday 17 December 2010 in Toulouse. The aircraft is being ferried to Mauritius and the flight schedule has included technical stopovers in Cairo, Djibouti and Seychelles. The aircraft is expected to land in Mauritius on 20th December at 17h30 Local time.

This brand new ATR72-500 is named after Ile aux Aigrettes, a Nature Reserve islet anchored at about 800 meters off the south east coast of Mauritius. Equipped with Pratt & Whitney PW127M engines, the new ATR72-500 leased from Nordic Aviation Capital has a configuration of 72 economy class seats. It will replace one of the two existing ATR72-500 which will be returned to its lessor early next year. The delivery of the new ATR72-500 will therefore provide additional capacity and flexibility on the interisland routes (Reunion and Rodrigues) during the peak periods of December and January.

André Viljoen, the airline's Acting Ceo stated: "We are very proud to welcome this brand new aircraft joining our turbo-prop fleet. This is the first ATR72-500 aircraft painted in the new Air Mauritius livery. The interior cabin also displays a new look and feel reflecting the Mauritian ambiance in-flight. We trust that our customers and partners will be pleased with this improved offering on our inter island network."

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Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of four A340-300, two A340-300E, two A330-200, two A319-100 and two ATR72-500. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty-five destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean