

PRESS RELEASE

Air Caraïbes takes delivery of its first ATR 72-600

With the arrival of three ATR 72-600s, the company will be able to modernize and increase its regional fleet

Toulouse, December 14, 2016 – French airline Air Caraïbes took delivery of its first ATR 72-600 today. The aircraft, delivered in Toulouse, is part of an order for three ATR 72-600s, placed in 2014 and delivery of which will continue until 2019.

The new 74-seater ATR 72-600s have 4 more seats than the current ATR 72-500s in operation, enabling the company to increase its capacity throughout its entire regional network. To date, Air Caraïbes operates its ATR aircraft on various connections between Pointe-à-Pitre, Fort-de-France, Saint-Martin, and Saint-Lucia, as well as on longer routes to Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic).

ATR turboprops, with their outstanding performance on short runways, are a reference for inter-island operations throughout the world. An ATR 72 can take off at maximum payload on runways less than 1,200 meters long, a shorter distance than those required by jet aircraft. Thanks to this operational advantage, ATRs are operated by numerous companies offering this type of route in the Caribbean, Polynesia, New Caledonia, Mayotte, Reunion, the Philippines, Indonesia, the Canary Islands, Fiji, the Maldives and Vanuatu.

Equipped with PW127M engines, the ATR 72-600 also boasts the lowest fuel consumption per seat in its class (2.6 L/100 km). This makes it possible to save up to 5,000 tons of CO₂ per year compared to a regional jet of equivalent size. Finally, the ATR 72-600 has a dispatch reliability of 99.7%, thus offering very high operational readiness to its operators.

Commenting on the delivery of their first ATR 72-600, Marc Rochet, Chief Executive Officer of Air Caraïbes, comments: "We have been using ATRs for over fifteen years and are very satisfied with their operating results. ATRs are an essential part of our fleet and our business strategy, and we are delighted to offer the most modern and comfortable version to our passengers."

Christian Scherer, ATR's Chief Executive Officer, said: "To have a highly professional airline such as Air Caraïbes endorse ATR's superior economics, comfort and reliability is a great testimony. It confirms we are the supplier of choice in an area of the world that relies heavily on regional turboprop aircraft."

About the ATR 72-600:

Passenger capacity: 68 to 78 seats
Engines: Pratt & Whitney Canada PW127M
Maximum take-off power: 2,750 horsepower per engine
Maximum take-off weight: 23,000 kg
Maximum disposable load: 7,500 kg

Maximum flight range at maximum load: 900 nautical miles (1,665 km)

About Air Caraïbes:

Air Caraïbes was founded in 2000 and has its headquarters at the airport of Guadeloupe. It first operated on the regional network, providing inter-island connections, before expanding to transatlantic routes in 2003. Air Caraïbes has arranged schedules on its regional network to offer passengers from Metropolitan France optimized connections to all its destinations. In 2015, it transported more than 350,000 travelers on its domestic and regional routes. The company has an aircraft load factor of 87%.

About ATR:

Founded in 1981, ATR is the world leader on the market for regional turboprop aircraft with 90 seats or less. Since its creation, ATR has sold over 1,500 aircraft. ATR aircraft equip the fleets of some 200 airlines in nearly 100 countries. ATR is an equal partnership between two major European aeronautics players, the Airbus Group and the Leonardo Group. Based in Toulouse, France, ATR is well established worldwide with a large customer support and sales network, including Customer Service Centers, training centers and warehouses. For more information, please visit <http://www.atr-aircraft.com>.

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