

2.2.7 Cook Islands Penrhyn Island Airport

Airport Overview

The Penrhyn runway was built during World War 2 as part of the allied military initiative along with Aitutaki and Tonga to create an alternative Eastern war time supply route from Hawaii through to Australia and New Zealand. The airstrip stretches along a narrow motu (islet) next to the village of Omoka. Penrhyn has an NDB (non directional beacon) which is operated on request.(O/R)

Airport Location and Contact	
Country	Cook Islands
Nearest Town or City with Distance from Airport	Omoka
Latitude	09°00'22"S
Longitude	158°02'11"W
Elevation (ft and m)	
IATA Code	PYE
ICAO Code	NCPY

Runway

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Runway Dimensions	2212m x 30m
Runway Orientation	14/32
Runway Surface	
Runway Condition	

The compacted coral runway was originally nearly 3000 metres long but has since been shortened.

Airport Infrastructure Details

Infrastructure			
Passenger / Cargo Security Screening	No	Runway Lighting	No
Refueling Capacity	No	Ground Handling Services	Yes (arranged through Air Rarotonga)
Air Traffic Control	n/a	Fire Fighting Equipment	No
Weather Information	Yes	Aircraft Parking Space	Yes (but limited)
Navigation Aids	Yes	Perimeter Fencing	No
Windsock	Yes		