ANTONOV AN-225, THE WORLD'S BIGGEST PLANE, MAKES A STOP IN DUBAI

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The world's largest plane touched down in Dubai on Tuesday.

At roughly 2pm, the Antonov An-225 Mriya landed at Al Maktoum International Airport, after having recently landed in Perth, Australia where it was delivering a 117-tonne generator — which is as large as a small bedroom.

The plane was holding no cargo and is only making a stopover before heading to Italy, according to an Australian media report.

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In Australia and throughout the world, the aeroplane — described as the longest and heaviest ever built — has drawn plenty of attention.

The plane measures 84m in length and weighs 175 tonnes without cargo or fuel.

Fully loaded it can hold up to 600 tonnes in its cargo hold, which measures 1,300 cubic metres.

The aircraft is over seven metres longer than a Boeing 747-8 Intercontinental and 11 metres longer than the Airbus A380-800, the largest passenger airplane.

An estimated 15,000 people showed up to get a glimpse of the plane as it landed at Perth Airport, according to Australian media reports.

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Only one Antonov An-225 exists.

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