

About Cross the Gulf

Cross the Gulf is viewed to be one of the biggest events this year. The airspace over the Gulf of Mexico will be flooded like never seen before. This event has been talked about for some time and now it's finally here! Traveling eastbound across the Gulf of Mexico, pilots will enjoy this wonderful experience. There is a booking system to boost up the realism. There will also be prizes given away.

Due to the immense popularity of this event, and the large amount of expected traffic, special policies and procedures have been put into effect to help aid all participating pilots. Please review the following information as it will be an important part of your overall experience.

Traffic Management Initiative

Due to a higher than normal traffic load, special traffic management initiatives will be utilized when arrival rates exceed airport capacity. Pilots should be prepared for potential airborne holding, reroutes, or EDCT's (Expect Departure Clearance Times) that may be issued for all domestic IFR arrivals within the Miami Terminal Area.

Featured Departure Airports

| Airport | Identifier |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dallas/Fort Worth International | KDFW |
| San Antonio International | KSAT |
| New Orleans International | KMSY |
| Mexico City International | MMMX |
| Cancun International | MMUN |
| Toncontin International | MHTG |

Featured Arrival Airports

| Airport | Identifier |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ft. Lauderdale International | KFLL |
| Miami International | KMIA |
| Nassau International | MYNN |
| Orlando International | KMCO |

Preferred Routes

Cancun Int'l (MMUN)

to **KMIA**- MISIS UG765 MAXIM EYW DVALL1
to **KFLL**- MISIS UG765 MAXIM EYW DVALL1
to **KMCO**- MISIS UG765 MAXIM EYW J41 RSW COSTR2
to **MYNN**- MISIS UG765 MAXIM G765 FIS B646 ZQA

Toncontin Int'l (MHTG)

to **KMIA**- BTO UR645 ROA UB500 UCL UG448 TADPO G448 MTH DVALL1
to **KFLL** - BTO UR645 ROA UB500 UCL UG448 TADPO G448 MTH DVALL1
to **KMCO** - BTO UR645 ROA UB500 UCL UG448 TADPO RSW COSTR2
to **MYNN**- ANGEL UR890 CISNE UR644 GCM UB767 UCA UG437 DYNAH
G437 WELKS

Mexico City Int'l (MMMM)

to **KMIA**- APN UT19 MID UB646 CANOA EYW DVALL1
to **KFLL**- APN UT19 MID UB646 CANOA EYW DVALL1
to **KMCO**- APN UT19 MID UB646 CANOA EYW J41 RSW COSTR2
to **MYNN**- APN UT19 MID UB646 CANOA B646 ZQA

San Antonio Int'l (KSAT)

to **KMIA**- ALAMO7 HUB J37 PEKON J86 LEV Q102 BAGGS SSCOT1
to **KFLL**- ALAMO7 HUB J37 PEKON J86 LEV Q102 BAGGS JINGL1
to **KMCO**- ALAMO7 HUB J37 PEKON J86 LEV Q102 CIGAR BOXKR COSTR2
to **MYNN**- ALAMO7 HUB J37 PEKON J86 LEV Q102 CYY VKZ BR53V ZQA

New Orleans Int'l (KMSY)

to **KMIA**- HRV Q105 BLVNS Q102 BAGGS SSCOT1
to **KFLL**- HRV Q105 BLVNS Q102 BAGGS JINGL1
to **KMCO**- HRV Q105 BLVNS Q102 CIGAR BOXKR COSTR2
to **MYNN**- HRV Q105 BLVNS Q102 CYY VKZ BR53V ZQA

Dallas Fort Worth (KDFW)

to **KMIA**- CLARE2 SWB HRV Q105 BLVNS Q102 BAGGS SSCOT1
to **KFLL**- CLARE2 SWB HRV Q105 BLVNS Q102 BAGGS JINGL1
to **KMCO**- CLARE2 SWB HRV Q105 BLVNS Q102 CIGAR BOXKR COSTR2
to **MYNN**- CLARE2 SWB HRV Q105 BLVNS Q102 CYY VKZ BR53V ZQA

Pilot Booking System

Due to heavy demand, the Miami ARTCC strongly suggests that all pilots flying in the Cross the Gulf 2010 Event register to obtain an arrival slot. The booking system link is posted below. The registration process is as follows:

1. Pilots must completely fill out the Pilot Registration Form and obtain their time slot confirmation code.
2. Any changes to your timeslot will be sent to you via e-mail.
3. The day of the event, place the slot number issued to you in your flight plan remarks.

Booking System Link: <http://www.zmaartcc.net/events/CrossTheGulf/signup/>

Guidelines:

1. Pilots are strongly encouraged be registered in our database with an issued arrival slot.
2. Aircraft should arrive between 2300Z and 0300Z.
3. Flights must be flown with a valid IFR flight plan with a valid arrival time slot number in his/her flight plan remarks section.
4. The pilot must comply with his issued time slot by no more than 10 minutes.

Prizes

The Miami ARTCC will be giving away 6 prizes to pilots courtesy of Captain Sim, Imagine Sim, and FS2 Crew. In order for the pilots name to be added to the prize drawing, they must book their arrival slot with the booking system. Once the slot is booked, the pilots name will be added to the drawing. The winners should be announced no later than September 2nd.

Suggestions and Tips

To make your experience during the event go as smoothly as possible, is recommended that you comply with the following:

A few days before the event, please ensure that your system will be in optimum condition, particularly for the Approach phase of your flight, where many pilots will be visible at the airport beyond the “normal” conditions.

Adjust your Flight simulator settings:

Disable crash detection

Set Squawkbox or FSInn aircraft visibility settings to a lower setting

1. Know your aircraft and how to control it. Calculate enough fuel for the flight with enough for another 60 minutes or more, as delays may occur.
2. Be Prepared! Have all the materials you need for the flight (charts, approach plates etc.) easily at hand. We encourage you to print this document. Be ready to hold at any point and altitude, listen to instructions and know how to execute a holding pattern.
3. File an IFR flight plan. List your time slot, flight Simulator version and authorization code in the Remarks section. Ensure that all the information presented is correct in order to minimize delays.
4. Disconnect from the network in the event of system or other problems that make you unable to fly properly.
5. Don't Pause your simulator or use time acceleration.
6. Listen first before talking on the frequency so you do not “step on” other pilots or controllers trying to communicate. Wait for pilots to complete their read back and make radio transmissions brief and concise as frequencies will be busy.
7. Please do not ask the center controllers for the arrival runways. Your arrival runway will be assigned by the approach controller.
8. Be courteous to others, be patient, stay cool and have fun!!!

Radio Failure

Radio failure, or frequency confusion, is very common during busy events. Below is a table that will help pilots if they experience trouble with the frequencies. Please read the table carefully. When you find the correct frequency, the controller on that frequency will give you further instructions to get in contact with the correct controller.

| Arriving From | Contact |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| WNW of ZMA (Q100 / Q102) | MIA_8_CTR - 133.90 |
| WSW of ZMA (EYW / MTH) | MIA_6_CTR - 132.20 |
| NW of ZMA (PIE / SRQ) | MIA_25_CTR - 128.22 |
| NE of ZMA (MLB / VRB) | MIA_17_CTR - 128.65 |
| ENE of ZMA (AR19 / AR21 / AR22) | MIA_17_CTR - 128.65 |
| ESE of ZMA (URSUS / ZQA) | MIA_CTR - 125.32 |

NOTAM's

-Miami International Runway Identifier Change

For those who use Flight Simulator 2004, please be advised that the runway numbers changed and a new runway was added. A table is posted below to show the changes.

| Old Runway Identifier | New Runway Identifier |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Runway 9L/27R | Runway 8R/26L |
| Runway 9R/27L | Runway 9/27 |
| New Runway | Runway 8L/26R |
| Runway 12/30 | Runway 12/30 |

Note

Flight Simulator X default scenery has the new runway.

Those who have the Fly Tampa Miami scenery installed have the new runway.

-Taxi Awareness

The FAA recently made a change with taxi procedures. Every pilot must hold short of every runway, even if it's not active. Pilot's will be told to cross the runway's either in the initial taxi clearance or when holding short.

Interesting Links

Miami ARTCC- www.zmaartcc.net

Jacksonville ARTCC- www.zjxartcc.org

Fort Worth ARTCC- www.zfwartcc.com

Houston ARTCC- www.zhuartcc.net

Nassau FIR- www.vatcar.org

Havana FIR- www.havana.vatcar.org

VATUSA- www.vatusa.net

VATMEX- www.vatmex.com

VATSIM- www.vatsim.net

Air Nav- www.airnav.com

Imagine Sim (sponsor)- www.imaginesim.com

Captain Sim (sponsor)- www.captainsim.com

FS2 Crew (sponsor)- www.fs2crew.com

Event Booking System- <http://www.zmaartcc.net/events/CrossTheGulf/signup/>

Event Preferred Routes-

<http://www.zmaartcc.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=12&t=1394&p=7686#p7686>

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