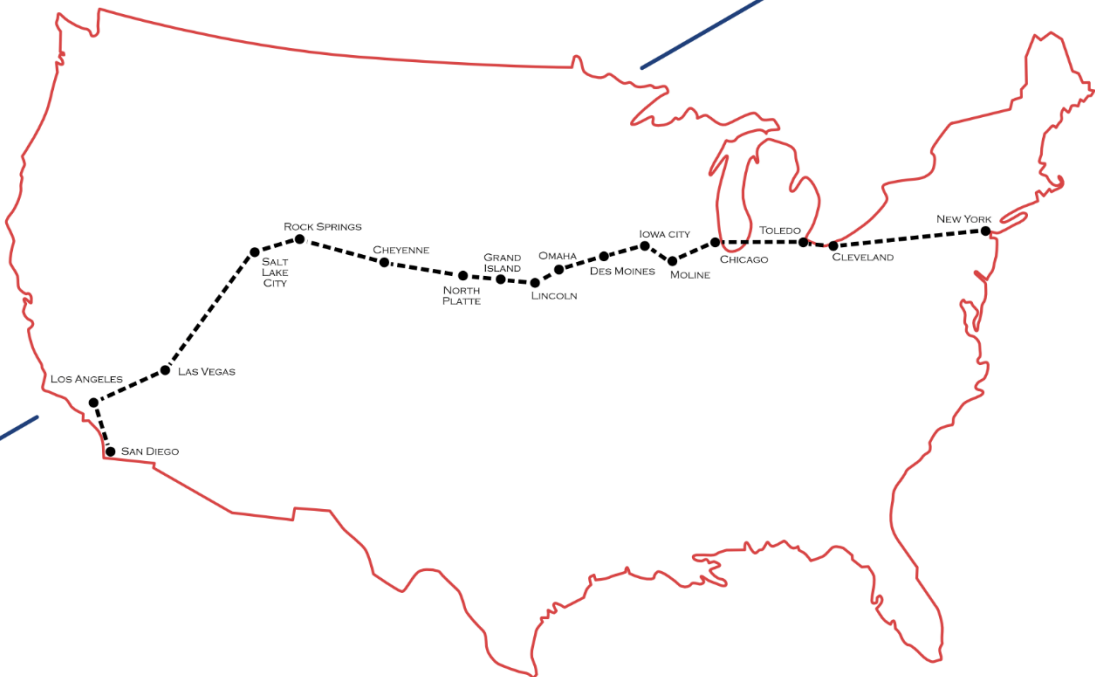


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WESTERN AIR EXPRESS 1935



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TOUR GENERAL INFORMATION

START DATE	10/07/2023	END DATE	1/31/2024	NUMBER OF LEGS: 16
DEPARTURE POINT:	KEWR	FINAL ARRIVAL POINT:	KSAN	

INTRODUCTION

This tour follows the route of a transcontinental flight found in the August 1935 timetable of Western Air Express. Western Air Express became Western Airlines, which eventually merged into Delta in 1987. To complete the tour, you will journey from the metropolitan center of the east coast to the sunny Pacific beaches of Southern California. On the way, you will stop at many charming and historically significant smaller cities across middle America.

Fun facts about this tour:

In July 1935, this route was operated on Boeing 247D airliners. The Boeing 247D has been called "the first modern passenger airliner." It was equipped with an IFR-capable panel, autopilot, pneumatically operated de-icing equipment, variable-pitch propellers, and retractable landing gear. It first flew in February 1933.

This route, with its 15 stops between New York and San Diego, took nearly 25 hours from start to finish in 1935.

Navigation on these flights would have primarily used radio range beacons.

The one-way fare from New York to San Diego was \$160, equivalent to more than \$3,500 in 2023 adjusted for inflation. Fortunately, on this tour you can make the trip for free!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ACARS is required in order to receive credit for completion of each leg.

You may fly any leg of the tour online, offline, IFR or VFR. You may also fly with real live weather turned ON or OFF.

As long as you are rated on the aircraft, you may use any aircraft type in this tour. You may switch aircraft types as you wish during any leg.

In-flight refueling is not allowed; please ensure you calculate correctly how much fuel is required for each leg. If real live weather is ON, please ensure you plan your fuel accordingly in the event you need to hold or go around. If you need to deviate due to weather or an emergency, you will need to complete this leg of the tour again to receive proper credit.

The departure / arrival times are just for example purpose only, you may follow the schedule times or depart at your own leisure. You can take as long as you need to complete this tour during the tour active dates. **"If completion is not possible by the end date, no credit will be given; no exception to this rule is possible."**

In the following pages, you will find a series of blocks showing all the information regarding the legs that need to be flown in order to complete this tour. The legs have a number to the left of each box indicating the order in which they should be completed.

Example: Leg number 1 must be completed before leg number 2 and so on, until you reach the end.

A checkbox has been placed at the end of each box. This is for your convenience in the event you would like to check-mark after each leg is completed.

*****CONNECTED LOGBOOK PILOTS: READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY*****

Some DVA tours include airports which cannot be reached using our regular flight schedule database. These airports are highlighted in **RED** in the list of tour legs below and can **ONLY** be accessed by flying to and from them as part of the tour. Therefore, if you fly to the out of schedule airport on a tour leg, you must continue the tour until reaching an in-schedule airport if you wish for your logbook to remain connected. **DVA Operations will not approve any charter flight requests into or out of an out of schedule airport.**

If you have any questions regarding this tour, do not hesitate to contact Nathan_Cox@deltava.org or the Events Department at events@deltava.org.

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AIRPORTS TO BE VISITED DURING THIS TOUR

Each box indicates a tour leg. The flights are in the order to be flown from top to bottom.

The following information is included for each leg:

First line: Departure ICAO / Arrival ICAO / Flight number / Leg Number / Departure Local Time / Arrival Local Time.

IMPORTANT: Flight number and Leg number must be correct in order to receive tour credit.

To the right you can see an empty box for you to use once a segment is completed.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR PILOTS WITH CONNECTED LOGBOOKS

Airports below which are highlighted in **RED** are not found in the regular DVA schedule and you cannot fly to or from them unless doing so as part of a tour. If you maintain a connected logbook and wish to depart the tour, you must do so from an in-schedule airport for your PIREP to be approved. No charter flights will be granted to or from these airports.

Leg numbers highlighted in **RED** indicate that they are ARRIVING at an out-of-schedule airport. Do not complete these legs if you do not intend to continue the tour afterwards.

Note: Remember to complete each leg in the order is provided. Complete leg #1 before #2 and so on until you reach the last leg.

Note: The below listed Zulu times may be incorrect by up to 1 hour if a time change occurs during the tour and after this briefing was published.

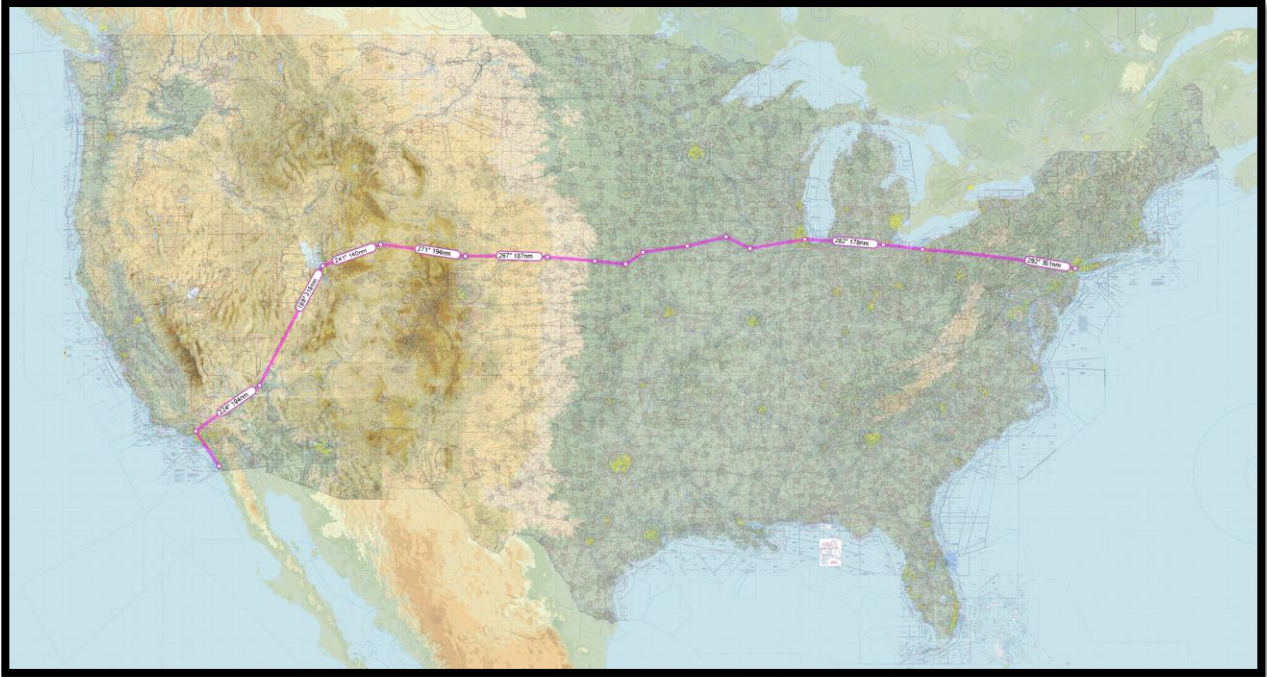
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2	KCLE - KTOL DL9515 Leg 2 DEP: 2224L (1824Z) ARR: 2254L (1854Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 89nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	KTOL - KMDW DL9515 Leg 3 DEP: 2308L (1908Z) ARR: 2340L (1840Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 177nm NOTAMS: The longest available runway at KMDW is 6,522 feet.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	KMDW - KMLI DL9515 Leg 4 DEP: 0001L (1901Z) ARR: 0043L (1943Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 125nm NOTAMS: The longest available runway at KMDW is 6,522 feet.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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5	KMLI - KCID DL9515 Leg 5 DEP: 0105L (2005Z) ARR: 0125L (2025Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 60nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	KCID - KDSM DL9515 Leg 6 DEP: 0140L (2040Z) ARR: 0210L (2110Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 90nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	KDSM - KOMA DL9515 Leg 7 DEP: 0300L (2200Z) ARR: 0334L (2234Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 102nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	KOMA - KLNK DL9515 Leg 8 DEP: 0400L (2300Z) ARR: 0416L (2316Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 48nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	KLNK - KGRI DL9516 Leg 1 DEP: 0435L (2335Z) ARR: 0458L (2358Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 70nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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14	KSLC - KLAS DL2111 Leg 1 DEP: 0834L (0234Z) ARR: 0900L (0200Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 320nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	KLAS - KBUR RW861 Leg 1 DEP: 1015L (0315Z) ARR: 1057L (0357Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 194nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	KBUR - KSAN DL9517 Leg 1 DEP: 1630L (0930Z) ARR: 1705L (1005Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 106nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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COMPLETE TOUR OVERVIEW MAP



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PILOT RESOURCES

Airport Charts

If searching for an airport in the USA, you can use the .charts feature in the ACARS program to load the charts for that specific airport. Example, you can type .charts KATL or .charts ATL and a new window will open with all the available procedures for that airport.

Some airports may not have charts available via the ACARS feature. As a suggestion, you may do a search on any of the popular search engines. For example, you may type: "LPMA charts" and follow the links. Some charts might be hard to find, but if you are using the FMS, you can figure out which type of approaches are available for that particular airport.

FINAL WORDS

Delta Virtual Airlines hopes that you will enjoy this tour. You may fly this tour solo at your own leisure (during the tour time frame) or with other pilots as well. The water cooler would be a good place for you to invite other pilots to fly together, or at least include when you are planning on flying a specific leg in the event some other pilots are planning flying the same leg of the tour.

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Have fun!

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