

TOUR 2023

TOUR GENERAL INFORMATION

START DATE	11/24/23	END DATE	01/06/24	NUMBER OF LEGS: 18
DEPARTURE POINT:		KATL	FINAL ARRIVAL POINT:	KATL

INTRODUCTION

Santa called; he needs our help.

Here's the deal: A third of the elves called out sick, Rudolf is on vacation, and Mrs. Claus is busy decorating thousands of Christmas trees around the north pole. Santa is overloaded this year, and he isn't sure he'll be able to start his deliveries on time on Christmas eve.

That's where you come in.

Welcome to the 2023 DVA Holiday Tour. In this tour, you'll be leaving from our Atlanta headquarters and moving with purpose to Alert, Canada, the northernmost continuously inhabited place in the world. A ferry elf with a reduced capacity sleigh capable of flying on dual engines (ehem...reindeer) will meet you with a load of gifts. You will then return to Atlanta to resume your normal DVA flying schedule, but not before making a series of delivery and refueling stops throughout Canada and the US.

Simple enough, right? We'd recommend you grab a coat and double check that your window heaters are working. Bring backups for...everything. We'll meet you in Greenland with hot chocolate. See you there!

Fun facts about this tour:

The midway point in this tour in Alert, Canada is the northernmost continuously inhabited place in the world, but has a permanent population of 0 according to the 2021 census. When you get there, you will be a mere 508 miles from the North Pole itself, and if you are good with navigating by coordinates, you can do a fly-over flight of Santa's workshop while you are up there (will not count for DVA credit). Be sure to pack a good coat, Alert has an average December temperature of -29.4°F!

Total Tour Length: 7,500nm

6 Canadian Provinces, **5** US States, and **3** countries visited ranging from latitudes 33.64°N to 82.51°N.

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 **Daniel Wilbanks@deltava.org** (this tour organizer) or the Events Department at <u>events@deltava.org</u>.

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.

1	KATL - KDCA DL392 Leg 1 DEP: 0715L (0315Z) ARR: 0903L (0503Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 547nm NOTAMS:	
2	KDCA - KPWM DL9525 Leg 1 DEP: 1200L (0800Z) ARR: 1255L (0855Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 482nm NOTAMS:	
3	KPWM - CYGR DL9525 Leg 2 DEP: 1430L (1030Z) ARR: 1626L (1326Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 489nm NOTAMS: CYGR Max. Runway Length = 4,500ft	
4	CYGR - CYYR DL9525 Leg 3 DEP: 0850L (0550Z) ARR: 0939L (0639Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 412nm NOTAMS: CYGR Max. Runway Length = 4,500ft	

5	CYYR - BGBW NEH2600 Leg 2 DEP: 0600L (0300Z) ARR: 1105L (0905Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 777nm NOTAMS:	
6	BGBW - BGSF NEH2610 Leg 1 DEP: 0800L (0600Z) ARR: 1120L (0920Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 435nm NOTAMS:	
7	BGSF - BGTL DL9512 Leg 1 DEP: 1200L (1000Z) ARR: 1530L (1530Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 757nm NOTAMS: Important Info: See <u>NOTAM Table</u> for more information	
8	BGTL - CYLT DL9512 Leg 2 DEP: 1845L (1845Z) ARR: 1636L (1336Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 421nm NOTAMS: Important Info: See NOTAM Table for more information	
9	CYLT - CYRB DL9512 Leg 3 DEP: 1000L (0700Z) ARR: 0923L (0423Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 680nm NOTAMS: Important Info: See NOTAM Table for more information	
10	CYRB - CYCB DL9512 Leg 4 DEP: 1115L (0615Z) ARR: 1143L (0543Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 444nm NOTAMS: Important Info: See <u>NOTAM Table</u> for more information	
11	CYCB - CYZF DL9512 Leg 5 DEP: 1345L (0745Z) ARR: 1530L (0930Z) Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 529nm NOTAMS: Important Info: See <u>NOTAM Table</u> for more information	
12	CYZF - CYMM DL9512 Leg 6 DEP: 1600L (1000Z) ARR: 1649L (1049Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 417nm NOTAMS:	
13	CYMM - CYQR DL9512 Leg 7 DEP: 1900L (1300Z) ARR: 2000L (1400Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 507nm NOTAMS:	
14	CYQR - CYWG WSH3268 Leg 1 DEP: 1630L (1030Z) ARR: 1845L (1345Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 331nm NOTAMS:	
15	CYWG - KMSP DL1283 Leg 1 DEP: 0655L (0155Z) ARR: 0820L (0320Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 395nm NOTAMS:	
16	KMSP - KMKE DL2672 Leg 1 DEP: 0700L (0200Z) ARR: 0815L (0315Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 297nm NOTAMS:	
17	KMKE - KCVG DVH2004 Leg 2 DEP: 1550L (1050Z) ARR: 1811L (1411Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 318nm NOTAMS:	



KCVG - KATL | DL2441 Leg 1 | DEP: 0600L (0200Z) | ARR: 0730L (0330Z) Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 374nm NOTAMS:



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.

NOTAM Information

Leg #	Information
08-09	CYLT Max. Runway Length = 5,478ft
07-10	BGTL, CYLT and CYRB are unavailable in default scenery for X-Plane due to their locations lying north of the 73 rd parallel, the northernmost limit of X-Plane's default scenery. These airports are selectable in the simulator menu, however, they exist only as open ocean in the simulator. We were unable to locate any freeware scenery options to add these airports to X- Plane, and recommend that pilots who usually fly X-Plane choose an alternative simulator to complete legs 07-10 on this tour. For those interested, payware scenery is available for these airports which can be found using a quick Google search.
10-11	CYCB Max. Runway Length = 5,254ft

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.

If you have any questions before, during or after the tour, you can always contact this tour coordinator at <u>daniel_wilbanks@deltava.org</u>, or the Delta Virtual Airlines Events Department at <u>events@deltava.org</u>.

Have fun!	
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Change Log

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