

Airport Spy: Real World Reports from Crews

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Imagine having a TripAdvisor for pilots. Real-world reports from people who've actually been there, flown the approach, dealt with the handler, and figured out the local quirks the hard way.

That's exactly what Airport Spy is.

Airport Spy is a shared pool of short, practical reports on airports, ATC, and ground handling around the world. It's built from first-hand experience and written for crews who just want to know what to expect.

And it's getting busy lately! Thanks to everyone who's been filing reports and helping make it more useful for the next crew.

" SARE - Resistencia, Argentina
Handling was a Challenge

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reviewed January 15, 2026
Aircraft: F46X | Flight type: Private | ID: 9006283

I just completed an international trip into Resistencia with a Falcon 6X from Montreal (CYUL) on 6 Jan 2026 and back out on 10th and this is a report to assist anyone planning to go. ATC Flying in/out was not an issue at all, the clearances are not exactly ICAO standard but the English was easy ...

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" FACT - Cape Town, South Africa
Landing Permit Issues

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reviewed January 21, 2026
Aircraft: GLEX | Flight type: Private | ID: 9014945

Beware! Global 6000. Planned trip EGSS-FACT on 12/27/25. Part 91 private. All paperwork for FACT landing permit was submitted over a month in advance through ITPS. Multiple overnight permits for Western Africa were granted with no problem. In the days leading up to departure still no South Africa ...

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" MMTO - Toluca, Mexico
Easy Airport Option Outside Mexico City

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reviewed January 21, 2026
Aircraft: GLF6 | Flight type: Private | ID: 9011158

We arrived via the LENUL3A arrival with some shortcuts for the ILS X 15. Controllers spoke good English. As an international arrival, Ground directed us to the customs ramp next to the Commercial Apron upon arrival. Our handlers met us at the aircraft. One crew member was able to stay onboard while ...

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" RKSS - Seoul, South Korea
Great Airport with Superb Efficiency

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reviewed January 27, 2026
Aircraft: GLF6 | Flight type: Private | ID: 0

Arrived from RKSS via (OLMEN 2T). Given the GPS jamming/spoofing reports in the area, we decided to proactively deselect the GPS sensors. Vectored towards MOBAK after BUMSI for the ILS 32R. Exited the runway on D3 and issued taxi instructions to the North Apron via P6 where we picked up the fol ...

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" RCSS - Taipei, Taiwan
Great Overnight w/ Fast and Friendly Service

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reviewed January 27, 2026
Aircraft: GLF6 | Flight type: Private | ID: 0

Arrived from PANC via the (APUTC) arrival and ILS Z RWY 10, TAZAN transition. Shortly after PUTIN we were vectored towards TAZAN and eventually cleared for the approach from TAZAN. As a previous review mentioned, runway is a bit rough, not terrible, but not great. Universal set us up with WIN Air ...

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" MMQT - Queretaro, Mexico
MMQT Very nice airport and city

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reviewed January 28, 2026
Aircraft: GLF6 | Flight type: Private | ID: 77

ATC for arrival and departure were clear. Arrived from the US via OTRUD to set up for either VOR Y approach. On contact with approach were given progressive headings and altitudes as a vector to ~12-mile final RWY27. Runway is in great condition with multiple high-speed exits. Parked on INTL1 via ma ...

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" ZSSS - Shanghai Hongqiao, China
Great Alternative to ZSPD - Beware of Immigrations Procedures!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reviewed January 28, 2026
Aircraft: GLF6 | Flight type: Private | ID: 163

Arrived from RKSS via (PUD 72A) with a visual approach to 36R. ATC was very good. Exited the runway via A2 with a right on A southbound towards stand 334. Picked up follow me at K2. We spent only 4 hours on the ground and we (crew) were still required to clear through customs and immigration. T ...

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" RJAA - Tokyo Narita, Japan
Excellent all the way around.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reviewed January 28, 2026
Aircraft: GLF6 | Flight type: Private | ID: 163

Arrived from ZSSS via (RUTAS N) with an ILS to runway 16L. Exited the runway on B6 and taxied to the Maintenance Apron stand 612. Taxied via K to M3, D3 and N1. Handling provided by MAINAMI Kuko Service who did an excellent job with every detail of our overnight. Customs and Immigration was easy ...

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" LFMN - Nice, France
Recent G650 Ops

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reviewed February 1, 2026
Aircraft: GLF6 | Flight type: Private | ID: 9009911

Went to Nice/LFMN in late January 2026. We operated a Gulfstream 650, and this info may vary depending on your equipment. I did a lot of study prior to arriving, and very much glad I did as their ops are unique. If you show up unaware and assume you are going to get vectors to ILS final - might w ...

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Some recent reports!

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Spy Reports by Pilots and Operators

You can help too!

When you're back from a trip, or stuck in a hotel downroute with time to kill, take a couple of minutes to file an Airport Spy report. What you write might save the next crew a lot of hassle.

These reports are useful when you go back, but they're even more useful for crews heading somewhere for the first time.



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Good reports don't need to be long. **Think about what you'd want to know before turning final or shutting down on stand.** For example:

- How was ATC to work with?
- Anything unusual about the airspace, terrain, or procedures?
- Local quirks or gotchas?
- Handling quality and coordination?
- Anything better or worse than expected?

If it stood out to you, it'll probably matter to someone else.

Pilots and Operators can file a report here!

Spy Reports by FBOs and Handlers

Airport Spy isn't just for crews – FBOs and handlers can file reports too. **Before we launch your way, we want to know what's really going on.**

Are you open? Ops normal? Any new rules, restrictions, or changes crews should know about before they arrive?



Got some intel?

Can you guys handle a BBJ tomorrow morning?

Before we go, we'd like to know what's happening. You open? Ops normal? Any unusual rules or restrictions pilots should know about?

Our group of 8000 people – pilots, dispatchers, aircraft operators – is looking for the latest intel from your airport. Help us out with a report, and let us know if you're **open for business**.

Just imagine a crew is thinking of heading your way. They'll have some basic data, but a report with the latest situation is really helpful. Useful topics include:

- Airport and ATC hours
- New rules or restrictions
- Entry or permit issues
- Any recent changes
- Local tips, quirks, or common traps for first-timers

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