

Beijing bans charter flights

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ZBAA/Beijing airport authorities have said the airport is now so busy, they will not accept any new requests for charter flights between now and Mar 31, at the earliest.

No official document has been published on this yet, and the authorities have said it will not be published on the Notams either - but the new rule is already in effect.

For GA flights, the same rules apply as usual: maximum 24hrs parking, no ops allowed from 23-01z, and an aircraft cannot have two peak hour slots between 01-14z during one day. Many operators choose to go to ZBTJ/Tianjin instead, or ferry there for parking.

For more information on ops to China, download our Lowdown guide by clicking the image below:

The Lowdown on flight operators to CHINA Flight Service Bureau

World Ranking
AIRPORT FEES: 118
FUEL COST: 31
AIR SAFETY: 29
SECURITY: 67
out of 173 countries*

CHINA
AIRPORT HEATMAP: The busier the better, the bigger the circle.

HANDLING & FUEL
Note for all four airports ZBAA, ZSPD, ZBAA & ZBTJ: GA aircraft are not permitted to disembark between peak hours (17:00-19:00 local).

PERMITS
Permits for private flights can be obtained in less than 24 hours. The lead time for charter flights is 7-10 days, and the CAAC will require an extensive list of documents, including a charter agreement and a sponsor letter from a local receiving party.

DISPATCH NOTES
Flight Information Regions:
ZYS (Shanghai, ZSPD, Beijing, ZBAA, Shanghai, ZBTJ)
ZBAA (Beijing, ZBAA)
ZBTJ (Tianjin, ZBTJ)
ZSPD (Shanghai, ZSPD)
ZBAA (Beijing, ZBAA)
ZBTJ (Tianjin, ZBTJ)
ZSPD (Shanghai, ZSPD)
ZBAA (Beijing, ZBAA)
ZBTJ (Tianjin, ZBTJ)

CHECKLIST
Essentials for Operating to China
 An approval letter is required for all flight types other than charters.
 GA aircraft can only make one movement per day between 0800-2000 local at all of the airports in this document: ZBAA, ZSPD, ZBTJ, ZBAA, ZSPD.
 Clear must obtain visas in advance, category C visa (usually only valid for 7 days).
 Foreign airlines are not permitted to operate charter flights between China and a third country.
 Traffic routes, speed or maxine per second, though ultimate setting for landing is now QNH and QFE.
 Direct flight between China and Taiwan are not permitted except for aircraft registered to one of those two countries. If you're flying to or from Taiwan, you will have to completely avoid landing or landing in China.
 Taiwan departure slots (VFR) changes that will be issued soon. Moving here.
 For details on how to get your landing or overflight permits for China (along with entry other country in the world), check out our Permit Book here.