

Buenos Aires airports closed to GA/BA during G20 summit

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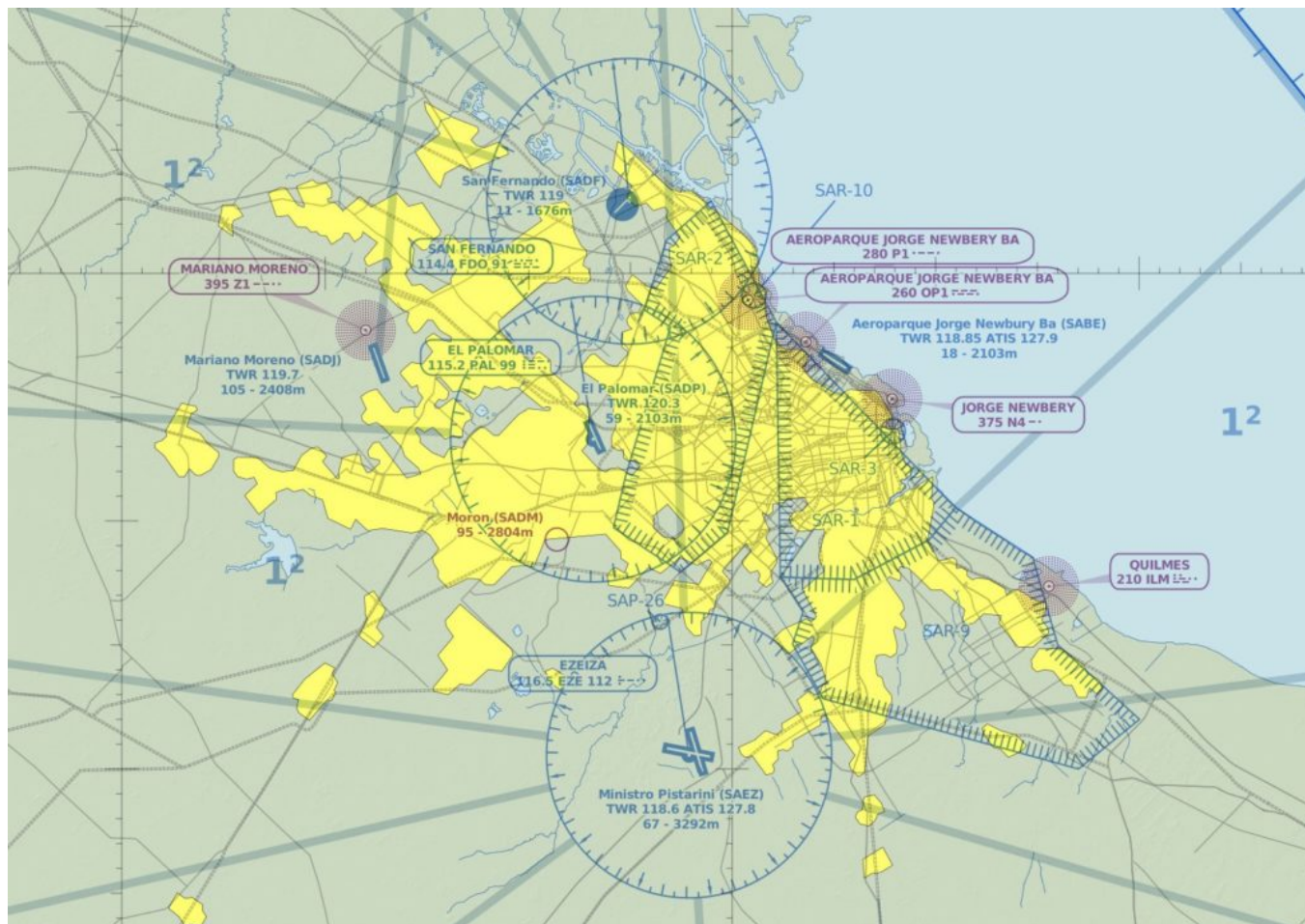
The 2018 G20 Leaders meeting will be held in Buenos Aires on November 30 and December 1, 2018. GA/BA flights will be prohibited from operating to both **SAEZ/Ministro Pistarini** and **SABE/Jorge Newbery** - but also all the smaller airport across the city as well.

AIP SUP A28/2018 goes into all of the restrictions in detail, but here are the key takeaways.

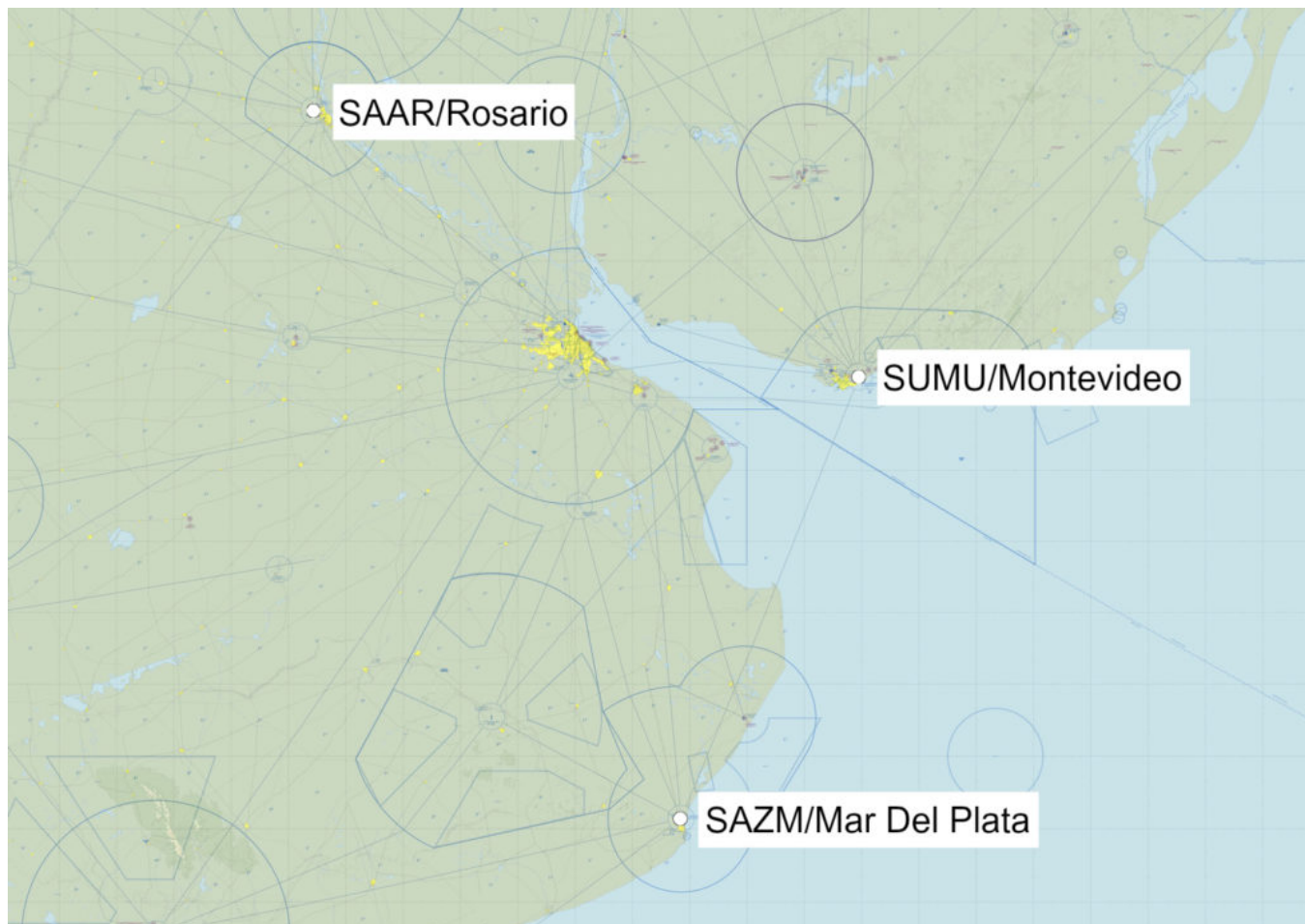
The airports...

Between 1500L on Nov 29 to 2200L on Dec 1 (1800Z Nov 29 to 0100Z Dec 2), here are the restrictions:

- **SABE/Jorge Newbery** - will be totally closed to all non-G20 aircraft.
- **SAEZ/Ministro Pistarini** - will only accept regular airline flights. All GA/BA flights are prohibited. RWY 17/35 will be closed and used as a taxiway and for parking only. Many SID and STARS will be suspended and a full list is in Appendix 2 of the SUP. (UPDATE 22NOV: Notam A9669/18 has now been published which brings forward the start time for the ban at this airport to midnight local time on Nov 26).
- **SADP/El Palomar** - closed to civil ops, although 8 slots will be made available to airlines from 1800Z-2300Z on Nov 29.
- **SADF/San Fernando, SADI/Mariano Moreno, SADM/Morón** - all closed to civil ops.



So with all the Buenos Aires airports out of action for GA/BA over these dates, there aren't a lot of other options. The closest international airports are: **SAAR/Rosario** to the north, **SAZS/Plata Del Mar** to the south, or **SUMU/Montevideo** - but that's in a different country!



Bottom line - if you're GA/BA and you need to get to Buenos Aires at the end of the month, you'll need to make sure you go there before the G20 restrictions come into force on 1800z on Nov 29.

The airspace...



SAEF/Ezeiza FIR will see the following restrictions in place between those same timings, 1800z Nov 29 - 0100z Dec 2:

- All users must submit a **flight plan** a minimum of **6 hours before** estimated off blocks time.
- All aircraft must operate on **discreet transponder codes** at all times.

- An **ADIZ** is in place out to **250NM** from EZE VOR from SFC-UNL within the FIR.
- There will be **3 temporary restricted areas** in place, BAIREs, SPY GLASS and ROJO.
- The BAIREs airspace overlays on top of **SAEZ/Ministro Pistarini** out to 55nm.
- Expect Air Force fast jets to be patrolling and operating with 'due regard' overhead during various times.

Did we miss something? Get in touch!

Aerolineas aircraft grounded due to hail damage

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The Argentinian airline Aerolineas has suspended domestic ticket sales until Mar 25. They say multiple aircraft were recently damaged by hail in SAbE/Buenos Aires during a storm on Mar 14, which means they now need to reprogram their schedule until the aircraft get fixed.

The aircraft that sustained the damage were 15 Boeing 737's in the airline's domestic and regional fleet. Strangely, perhaps, no other airlines have reported similar damage to their aircraft from the storm.



Aerolineas say they are now assessing the aircraft damage with help from Boeing, with the hope that they will have most of the aircraft back in operation before the Easter travel weekend.