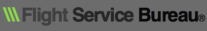
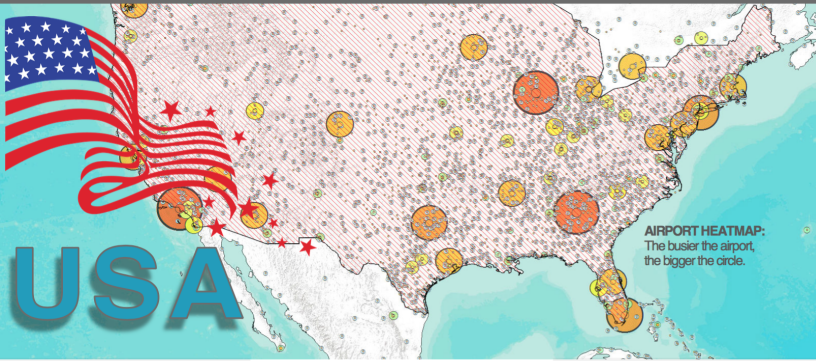


USA - the Lowdown on Flight Ops

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The Lowdown on flight operations to the **UNITED STATES** 



World Ranking

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| AIRPORT FEES | FUEL COST |
| 122 | 140 |
| A320 daytime turn: \$751 USD | JetA1 Price Index: \$4.04 USD |
| AIR SAFETY | SECURITY |
| 12 | 27 |

Most recent news ...

April 2016 All US arriving pax must now have an e-Passport if using the ESTA program.

March 2016 The ATC Bill which would privatize air traffic control was tossed out, keeping services under FAA—for now.

January 2016 Anyone who has traveled to Iran, Iraq, Sudan or Syria since 2011 cannot travel under the Visa Waiver Program, but must apply for full B1/B2 Visa.

December 2015 Big change to TSA Waiver requirements: changing the weight threshold for foreign-registered aircraft.

CHECKLIST

Essentials for Operating to the United States

- eAPIS Required for all flights arriving, and departing, the US.
- Flights from south of the US must land at the first airport possible – unless you have a **Border Overflight Exemption**.
- TSA Waiver required from the DHS for many operations—see our supplement.
- Once eAPIS is filed, you must **Notify Customs** as a separate item – call them, check your ETA is OK, and get the officers initials.
- Handling for business aircraft is easy – FBO's everywhere; for larger aircraft – choose your

We just published our latest **Lowdown** – this one is for the USA. Heaps of good information on eAPIS, new TSA Waiver rules, Border Overflight Exemption, Customs Notifications, Importation, Special Route Clearances, ESTA, Visas, and Special Flight Authorizations.

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