Middle East Operations

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Defining the area

- Defining the Middle East through ethnicity, religion, or national identity is complex.
- For our presentation, we will include Turkey as the northern border and the Arabian peninsula as the southern border.
- Largest cities in rank order: Cairo, Tehran, Istanbul, Baghdad, Riyadh, Jeddah, Ankara.
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Turkey

• Strategic location between Europe and Middle East/South Asia
• Moderate and modern country with divergence of ethnicities and religious tolerances
• Islam is primary religion, but Christianity and other religions co-exist
• Country is fairly stable politically and economically.
• Work week observed – Monday-Friday
• Civil Aviation Authority closed Saturday-Sunday
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Turkey

- Landing permits required.
- Over flight permits required.
- Permits can be acquired within 2 business days.
- Aircraft documents are required.
- Pilot ATP licenses and current Medical Certificates needed for landing permits
- No requirement for route or entry and exit points.
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Turkey

- Good fuel stop locations.
- Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Adana
- Jet A fuel is consistently available throughout the country.
- Visas are required for U.S. crew and passengers
- Effective 10 April 2014, visas are available online at www.evisa.gov.tr/en/apply/
- Istanbul has 2 international airports
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Turkey

- Istanbul Ataturk International/LTBA
- Airport is on the European side of the Bosphorus strait
- 17 miles to Istanbul city center
- U. S. crews can arrive LTBA and stay up to 3 days on the General Declaration form without a visa.
- Passengers need visas, can obtain on arrival or online
- Airport Slots are required. Issued 48 hours prior to arrival-per Turkish State Airport Authority (DHMI)
- Parking concerns, 16 stands for business aviation but they fill quickly
- General Aviation Terminal
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Turkey

- Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International/LTFJ
- Named after 1\textsuperscript{st} Turkish female combat pilot
- Airport is on the Asian side of the Bosphorus strait
- 22 miles southeast of Istanbul city center
- U. S. crews can arrive LTFJ can stay up to 48 hours on the General Declaration form without a visa.
- Passengers need visas, can obtain on arrival or online
- Airport Slots are required. Issued 48 hours prior to arrival-per Turkish State Airport Authority (DHMI)
- Parking concerns-very limited
- GAT facility
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Syria

- Moderate Islamic Country
- Civil war for 3 years
- Civil Aviation Authority and government infrastructure still in place
- Over flight permits are being approved; however
  - Both military and opposition forces are known to have missiles capable of bringing down aircraft
  - Do not recommend overflying Syria at this time
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Syria

- Currently, no U.S. restrictions prohibiting Americans from travelling to Syria, but there are numerous State Dept travel warnings.
- Damascus Int’l Airport Terminal, then and now
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Jordan

• Liberal Islamic Country. Tolerant of other religions.
• Friendly to the USA, good political ties
• Country is politically and economically stable
• Work week observed – Sunday-Thursday
• Civil Aviation Authority closed Friday-Saturday
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Jordan

- Landing permits required - need local business contact info.
- Over flight permits required.
- Permits can be acquired within 2-3 business days.
- Aircraft documents are required.
- No requirement for route or entry and exit points.
- Flights between Amman and Tel Aviv, Israel, are permitted.
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Jordan

• 3 international airports in Jordan
• Aqaba/OJAQ – King Hussein Int’l
• Amman/OJAI – Queen Alia Int’l Airport
• Amman/OJAM – Marka Int’l Airport
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Jordan

• Marka International Airport/OJAM.
• 3 miles from Amman city center
• Smaller airport, ideal for business aviation/VIP flights
• Less commercial airline traffic to compete over parking, CIQ
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Jordan

- Queen Alia International Airport/OJAI
- 20 miles south of Amman city center
- Larger commercial airlines airport
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Iraq

• Conservative Islamic country
• Government infrastructure turned over to the Iraq government
• Country enjoys autonomy but stability depends on US military presence and support
• Work week observed – Sunday-Thursday
• Civil Aviation Authority closed Friday-Saturday
• Political stability new, untried
• Islamic extremists still terrorizing Baghdad with bombings
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Iraq

- Landing and over flight permits are required
- Companies must have a local Iraqi agent act as representative for obtaining over flight/landing permits
- A Power of Attorney must be completed/signed by aircraft operators and given to the local Iraqi aviation agent.
- No Iraq over flights are approved without the Power of Attorney
- ATC communications is good
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Iraq

- Bombings and terrorism continue to plague the civilian sectors and public areas
- Recommend hiring the services of a US based security company to provide current security briefings on country, cities, airports.
- American citizens should register with the American Embassy in Baghdad.
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Kuwait

- Conservative Muslim Country.
- CAA in place and very functional.
- Over flight and landing permits are obtainable.
- Work week observed Sunday-Thursday.
- Friendly towards the US.
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Kuwait

- Constitutional Monarchy
- Oil was discovered in 1937.
- Very easy country to over fly as well as land for tech stops.
- Standard entry and exit points required as well as aircraft documents.
- Business sponsor for landing both FAR 91/135
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Saudi Arabia

• Absolute Monarchy
• Legal system is based on Islamic Sharia Law
• 2nd largest oil reserve in the world
• Main cities are Riyadh with Dammam and Jeddah. Mecca and Madina are also large but are forbidden to non-Muslims.
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Saudi Arabia

- The country has opened up to limited tourism
- One of the largest ex-pat communities in the world.
- Be mindful of your surroundings.
- Females should never venture out alone. Crime is not the issue here….It would be unacceptable for a female to be alone in public.
- Be very respectful of the “Muttawa” (religious police).
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Saudi Arabia

• Muslims observe five (5) formal prayers a day
• Pre-dawn, Noon, Afternoon, Sunset, and Evening.
• You will know when it is prayer time due to the “call to prayer” from the mosque minarets.
• It is common for most businesses to close.
• Schedule your day around the prayer times.
• There is an App for that!
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- The penalty for drug and alcohol possession is severe!!
- Make sure that proper protocol is observed with any left over liquor or surplus. (cabinet seals etc.)
- Internet access is very good but heavily filtered and monitored.
- Do not take pictures of female Saudis. Never touch a female Saudi. For example, shake hands, touch of an arm which would be considered harmless anywhere else, is highly offensive.
- If invited to dinner, you will be the center of attention and Saudis will want you to try all the food being served.
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• Be careful what head coverings you order for your female crew members!
• You’ll get what you ask for!
• Do NOT ask for Burqas
• Your Flight Attendants will never get a date!
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Saudi Arabia

• Be mindful that during official meetings it is customary to discuss family and social topics before business.
• Don’t be impatient. The more you are, the slower things will move!
• Keep an eye on the WX! It can Change rapidly. Sand is no friend to your aircraft!
• Heat can exceed 125F in the Summer.
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• Take interest in the history and culture.
• Make sure that you are careful on how you compliment Saudis.
• If on extended stay, locate the US Embassy, let them know you are there.
• Do not venture out alone.
• Current gas price in Riyadh, $0.48 per Gallon/$0.13 per liter.
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United Arab Emirates

- 7 Emirates.
- Established in 1971.
- Oil is the main export. However, production has slowed and this has spurred the rapid growth of tourist industries.
- Excellent services!
- Easy in and out for business jets.
- Excellent VIP lounges as well as customs handling.
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United Arab Emirates

1991 Dubai/2013 Dubai
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United Arab Emirates

• Brand new airport (OMDW/DWC)
• Dubai World Central-Al Maktoum International
• Sharjah (OMSJ/SHJ) may be closer to the city center.
• The UAE is a conservative country but much more westernized than any other Arab country.
• Make sure to be mindful of drinking laws. It is still illegal to consume alcohol without a license. Many are not told about this. If you step out of line, the police will throw the book at you for not having the license. You can apply for one at a “bottle shop”, or online.
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Summary

• The Middle East is a growing economy.
• Many countries are catering to the “Business Jet” traffic.
• Be mindful of different, yet similar customs by country.
• Be mindful and up to date on current events as they change daily.
• Contact your provider for the latest in visas, permits, and handling information.
• Most importantly, enjoy the culture!
Ben Gurion International (LLBG)

• Main Port of Entry

• Israeli Airport Authorities (Governmental)

• Approximately 14M Passengers per Year

• Approximately 2,400 Private Flights per Year

• Currently Under Heavy Restrictions due to WIP, Runways (until APR 2014)

• All Parking Positions are Nose-In (Pushback Required)
Ben Gurion International (LLBG)
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New Procedures effective S 14

- Departures 12/30
- Landings 26
- May 29th, new rwy 03/21 operating 0600 – 2200 LT
- Subject to change
Ben Gurion International (LLBG)

- Slots Required
- Night Curfew Enforced
- NOTAMs

A0172/12 NOTAM

Q) LLLL/QFALT/IV/NBO/A/000/999/3201N03453E005
A) LLBG B) 1203300150 C) 1209211500
D) DAILY 0150-0500 1100-1500 EXC SAT
E) TFC CONGESTION: TRAINING TFC, TEST FLTS, GA ACFT, NOT PERMITTED TO OPR AT LLBG, HEL LDG NOT PERMITTED AT LLBG, DUE TFC CONGESTION, AT 0450-0800 1400-1800 LMT, EXC FOR TFC APV BY AD ADMINISTRATION.)
Ben Gurion International (LLBG)

• Summer Time

• A List of Authorized Airports

• **A0001/14 NOTAMN**

• Q) LLLL/ QAFXX/ IV/ NBO/ E/ 000/ 999/ 3201N03453E005

• A) LLLL B) 1403272359  C) 1410252300

• **E) SUMMER TIME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WI ISRAEL**

• LOCAL TIME WILL BE U.T.C.+ 3.
Ben Gurion International (LLBG)

• No GA Parking, Remote Parking Positions

• Operation Hours for GA by NOTAM

• No Alternate Airport

• Towing / Pushback / Maintenance Services Readily Available

• Masada Lounge / Private Lounge FBO Located near T1
Ben Gurion International (LLBG)
Aviation Security Operation Center (ASOC)

- Receiving Party / Sponsor Information
- No Hotel or Travel Agent
- No Overflight Permits
- Landing Permits
- Procedures
- Identification Code at 180 Miles
- Random Checks

www.asoc.mot.gov.il
Aviation Security Operation Center (ASOC)

GAS Form-10-06-07

**Application Information:**
- Applicant Name: (*)
- Handling Agency Name: (*)
- Handling Agency Phone No. (*)
- Handling Agency Fax No. (*)
- Handling Agency E-mail: (*)
- Company Name: (*)
- Company Phone No.: (*)
- Company Fax No.: (*)
- Company E-mail: (*)

**Aircraft Information:**
- AC Collins: (*)
- AC Registration: (*)
- AC Make and Model: (*)
- AC Nationality: (*)
- ICAO Designation: (*)

**Flight Information:**
- Airport of Departure to Israel (*)
- Airport of Arrival in Israel (*)
- Loading Airports en route before Israel (*)
- ETA Date (*)
- ETA Time (*)
- Purpose of Flight: (*)
- Airport of Departure from Israel (*)
- Destination Airport Abroad: (*)
- Loading Airports en route from Israel (*)
- ETD Date (*)
- ETD Time (*)

**Contact Person In Israel:**
- First Name: (*)
- Last Name: (*)
- Company Phone No.: (*)
- Fax No.: (*)
- Home Phone No.: (*)
- Company Name: (*)
- ID: (*)
- Address: (*)
- E-mail: (*)

**To: Ministry of Transport/Security Department - ASOC**

I certify that all information submitted in this application to be true and correct based on my best personal knowledge. I am aware that if any of the foregoing information given by me is false, I may be subjected to any legal measures under the Israeli Law.

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## Aviation Security Operation Center (ASOC)

### GAS Form-10-06-07

**ASOC**  
Aviation Security Operation Center  
Tel: +972(3) 9599800, Fax: +972(3)9599800  
E-mail: asoc@Israel.gov.il

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Getting into the system the captain will have to pick a 6 characters code that will be a code that he will definitely remember and which will be used while getting into Israeli airspace.
After picking up a security code he will have to answer three personal questions.
In case that the captain confuses in giving the security code while entering Israeli Airspace the tower will have the option to identify him by asking the captain the questions that were asked on the website that only he can know the answers.

Please be advised that the code is disposable and you can enter to the website with the landing permit and password only once for each permission.

**Note!** The pilot in-command, shall neither send a Flight-Plan, nor depart to Israel before receiving a Confirmation Form to his application and submitting an Entry Code for the Arrival Identification Procedure.
The advanced notification of arrival should be submitted no later than 6 hours before departure to Israel.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information or request.

Good Luck!
Filing Flight Plans

- Citing national security, the Israeli Civil Aviation Authority has implemented filing rules that are contradictory to standard ICAO filing protocols.

- Israeli AIP (ENR 1.10-1) states that aircraft operators are not permitted to file a flight plan departing from Israel with any other centers; the flight plan must only be filed to LLGBYDYX and Israel takes responsibility for forwarding the plans to downline stations/centers.

- When flight planning in Israel, make sure to use a qualified handler and/or an International Service Provider (ISP) in order to comply with the rules.
The Tel Aviv Experience

• LLBG is 25 Minute Drive to Downtown Tel Aviv

• Currency is Israeli New Sheqel; 1 USD is approximately 3.6 NIS

• Tel Aviv is a Great Place for Hotels and Restaurants; English is Widely Spoken

• Jerusalem is Wonderful Sightseeing

• Excellent Night Life

• Eilat - LLET
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