



IFF Central America & the Panama Canal

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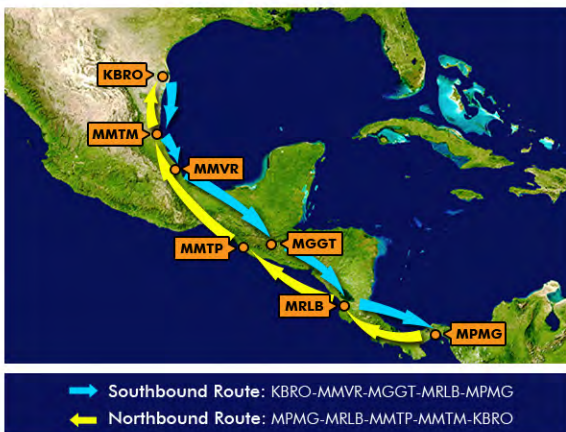
Departs from: Brownsville, TX. on Friday, March 10, 2017

Returns to: Brownsville, TX. on Monday, March 20, 2017

Overview

Join the International Flying Farmers on this exclusive flying experience through Central America and the Panama Canal with Caribbean Sky Tours. Caribbean Sky Tours staff will be present throughout the trip and will take care of entry/over-flight and landing permits, APIS and international flight plan filings as well as international departure and arrival processing at all airports of landing. We will provide the aeronautical charts and a copy of our Pilot Guide to Mexico and Central America. Before each flight we will have a pre-flight and weather briefing. Lodging, ground transportation and group activities, as well as meals are also included as outlined in the itinerary below.

Navigation Information



Brownsville, Texas to Veracruz MMVR, Mexico	430 NM
Veracruz to La Aurora MGGT, Guatemala	551 NM
La Aurora MGGT, Guatemala to Liberia MRLB, Costa Rica	406 NM
Liberia MRLB, Costa Rica to Panama City MPMG, Panama	423 NM
Panama City MPMG, Panama to Liberia MRLB, Costa Rica	423 NM
Liberia MRLB, Costa Rica to Tapachula MMTP, Mexico	497 NM
Tapachula MMTP, Mexico to Tampico, Mexico	609 NM
Tampico, Mexico to Brownsville, Texas	219 NM
Total Distance:	3,558 NM

Airports of landing	Identifier	Runway length
Brownsville	KBRO	7,399 Ft
Veracruz	MMVR	7,874 Ft
Guatemala	MGGT	9,800 Ft
Liberia	MRLB	9,022 Ft
Panama	MPMG	5,906 Ft
Tapachula	MMTP	6,562 Ft
Tampico	MMTM	8,366 Ft

Itinerary

Day 1: March 10, 2017

We will depart Brownsville, TX and fly to Veracruz International Airport. After refueling, clearing customs and immigration, we will transfer to Gran Hotel Diligencias located on the lively central square in the historic downtown of Veracruz. After checking in and freshening up, we will meet for dinner in the hotel's restaurant. We will have a quick pre-flight briefing for the next day's flight followed by dinner.



Day 2: March 11, 2017

After breakfast we will check out and transfer to the Veracruz airport and complete the international departure procedures. We will then take off to Guatemala City. After landing and securing the aircraft we will transfer to Hotel Camino Real in the colonial city of Antigua declared a World Heritage Site in 1979 by the UNESCO. Antigua is certainly a unique destination due to its location surrounded by green hills and volcanoes. Antigua was the original capital of the Captainty General of Guatemala from 1541 to 1776- and its beautiful colonial architecture as well as the strong Mayan influence in the arts and crafts make it an outstanding destination. It is a 28 mile drive from Guatemala City to Antigua. After checking in we will meet for dinner at the hotel restaurant.



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Day 3: March 12, 2017

Breakfast will be in the hotel followed by our tour to a Cocoa Plantation. An English speaking guide will explain the growing of the cocoa tree and the harvesting of the beans. We will learn how chocolate is made and have a taste of the local product. We will return to the hotel late in the afternoon and have some free time to stroll through the streets of Antigua. Dinner is on your own.



Day 4: March 13, 2017

Following breakfast in the hotel we will take a guided walking tour of Antigua to learn about the history and some of the attractions that make this place so unique. Lunch will be on your own and you will have time in the afternoon to relax or tour the city some more at your own pace. We will meet at the hotel for a pre-flight briefing and walk to a nearby restaurant for a special dinner.



Day 5: March 14, 2017

This is an intense day with an early departure from the hotel. A box breakfast will be provided. The scheduled departure time from the hotel is 5:30 am to transfer back to the airport in Guatemala City. We will depart La Aurora and fly to Liberia, Costa Rica where we will refuel the aircraft. Our local agent will take care of all the paperwork and after refueling we will continue on to Panama City. After completing arrival procedures and securing the aircraft we will transfer to the Grace Panama Hotel located in the heart of Panama City. After checking in we will reconvene for dinner at the hotel.



Day 6: March 15, 2017

After breakfast we start our guided tour to visit different attractions of the Panama Canal such as the Commission Building and Goethals monument, the former Albrook US Air Force Station and the Fort Clayton former US army base. We end our tour with a visit to the Miraflores Locks and the Exhibition Center. Lunch will be on your own. We will meet in the hotel lobby in the evening and transfer to an authentic Panamanian restaurant for dinner. During dinner we will enjoy a show featuring folkloric dances.



Day 7: March 16, 2017

After breakfast in our hotel, we will begin a half day guided tour of the historic district of Panama City. We will visit Old Panama, the remains of the original city established in August of 1519 and its Museum, followed by a visit to the old city compound known as Casco Viejo. Both places were declared a World Heritage Site in 1997. Lunch is on your own. After lunch you will have the opportunity to further explore the city and its attractions in the afternoon. We will meet in the hotel in the evening for a pre-flight briefing followed by dinner.



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Day 8: March 17, 2017

After breakfast we will transfer to the Marcos A. Gelabert airport, pre-flight the airplanes and fly to Liberia, Costa Rica. Local agents will be at the airports to help expedite the departure and arrival procedures. After refueling we will transfer to Playas del Coco on the Guanacaste Coast only a 30 minute drive away from the airport. After checking in at the Hotel Colono Beach you will have time to enjoy the town, beach or just relax at the hotel. A pre-flight briefing will take place before dinner at the hotel restaurant.



Day 9: March 18, 2017

After an early breakfast we will transfer to the Liberia International Airport and start our return flight to Tapachula, Mexico. After clearing customs and Immigration in Tapachula we will transfer to a coffee plantation located along the Coffee Route in the mountains of Chiapas. We will lodge in Hotel Argovia Finca Resort a family run coffee plantation founded by Swiss immigrant Adolf Giesemann in 1880. After checking in we will reconvene for dinner at the resort restaurant.



Day 10: March 19, 2017

We will tour the coffee plantation and learn about the production process. We will also have the opportunity to do a tour of the local flowers grown on the estate. Due to the lush vegetation and rich soil the property features a diverse flower collection. The rest of the day will be spent at leisure and we will reconvene in the early evening for a pre-flight briefing and dinner at the resort.



Day 11: March 20, 2017

This will be another intense day. We will depart the hotel at 6:30am to transfer to the Tapachula airport. We will be taking a box breakfast. After completing the pre-flight procedures and departure paperwork we start our last day with a flight to Tampico where we will land and refuel. Our agent will complete the international departure procedures before starting our last leg back to Brownsville, Texas.



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