

Caribbean Sky Tours

New 2008 Pilot's Guide to Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula

Caribbean Sky Tours is proud to announce the release of its new 2008 version of the "Pilots Guide to Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula". The 2008 version is a continuing evolution of the Pilot's Guide which is designed to provide visiting pilots with up-to-date and verified information on applicable procedures and airport information.



The two most challenging parts of publishing a Pilot's Guide are; 1) obtaining correct procedures and information and, 2) keeping it up to date. Caribbean Sky Tours is uniquely capable of achieving this as it is based in Mexico, has extensive relations and communications with the DGAC (Mexico's Civil Aviation Authority), other local/state/federal authorities and participates in a number of Mexican civil aviation committees and associations. We maintain an active subscription to Mexico's Aeronautical Publication and regularly fly within Mexico (we're based here). In addition to this local knowledge and experience, we regularly visit many airports to verify airport information and maintain a constant dialogue with officials to keep procedures for flying to Mexico up to date.

Some of the most significant advancements of the 2008 guide include:

- **Expanded Mexico procedures:** Based on years of assisting pilots flying to Mexico, we have expanded those areas that pilots have the most questions about. We also review the new NOTAM affecting flights into Mexico from Central America and the Caribbean.
- VFR/IFR over land/over water: The trip planning and execution sections has been expanded to go into more detail on flights that are VFR or IFR and over water or over land, effectively covering all possible routes into Mexico.
- **Expanded emergency contact list:** This section now includes telephone numbers for the major international embassies and all of the U.S. consulates throughout Mexico. As with all numbers in our guide, we have personally checked each individual number.
- **Updated telephone numbers for Flight Service Stations:** Direct dial telephone numbers for both U.S. and Mexican Flight Service Stations have been expanded to make it easy for pilots to obtain local weather information as well as to contact a U.S. FSS while in Mexico.



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- **Revised Documents Section:** We have re-written this section to provide simple instructions for completing an ICAO flight plan form.
- "Border Crossing Chart": This is a new fold-out chart that shows frequencies for U.S. and Mexico ATC and flight service stations (FSS) along the border. The purpose of this chart is to put as many of the frequencies as possible that could assist a pilot in contacting Mexican ATC to report their position upon crossing the border into Mexico or for contacting a U.S. FSS or ATC to obtain a discrete squawk code to facilitate their return to the U.S.A.





• Revised Airport location chart.

We have updated the fold out chart to show more frequencies for SENEAM dispatch offices (similar to flight service stations) so that pilots can obtain weather information from a weather briefer while in flight. Trying to get weather from towers or centers can be frustrating and slow due to workload and training. This way you can talk directly to a weather briefer while in the air.

- Revised and updated airport information section: We have updated and expanded the way information is portrayed for airports. Airport information (airport status, frequencies, services, pictures and more) has been updated and the Tapachula airport (part of the new international NOTAM) has been added.
- **Chart Guide:** We have added a list of the VFR and IFR charts that cover Mexican territory as well as routes between the U.S. and Mexico to assist pilots in the selection of the appropriate chart for their particular flight.
- **7-ring format:** We have received positive feedback from a number of pilots claiming that the 7-ring format makes it very convenient for them to combine Jeppesen charts with our airport information..

