

Flying in & out of Mexico

Overview of eAPIS & International ADIZ Procedures

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NEW! - Entry Authorization (Autorizacion de Internacion Unica, also called 'AIU')

NEW! - Mexico excel Forms for Mexico eAPIS



Why Fly to Mexico



It's Not so Tough

- Most officials speak some English
- Airport Rules mostly the same with slight variations.
- Normal behavior works – Don't be a Nasty American
- Friendly and accommodating people
- Proper flight planning required
 - Entry Documents
 - Flight Plans
 - Gas availability
 - Runway surface and condition
 - Weather
 - Emergency equipment and planning
 - Mountain & desert flying
 - Water crossings

Will I lose my Plane in México?

- Most likely not.
 - Planes get stolen and confiscated in every country and airport.
 - The odds of losing your plane are about the same as in the US.
- Military guard at most airports
- Prop or throttle lock handy at remote airports.
- Don't carry guns or drugs (duh!)
 - Best way to lose your aircraft in Mexico.
- 406 MHz ELT now MANDATORY
- Make sure you have the proper and current documentation.
- Don't overstay your visa (Dec 31 cutoff for entry permit)
- Treat officials with respect.

Organize Required Documentation

- ✓ **NEW for 2024 : Entry Documents (AIU) have to be eMailed to Mexico AOE 48 hrs in advance.**
 - ✓ eAPISfile.com will upload, store them for future flights and send via email to Mexico City & the Mexico AOE.
- ✓ **In addition to the AIU upload, Use a binder for these & your eAPIS & flight-plan documents**
 - ✓ Keep them organized in the order you need them - Have 2 copies of each. (even after emailing the AIU copies)
- ✓ **eAPIS registration**
 - ✓ <https://eAPIS.cbp.dhs.gov/> for SenderID and www.eAPISFile.com
(Also used for SoCal Pilots, Flying Samaritans, Liga Intenational & Pacific Bonanza websites)
- ✓ **Pilot's Certificate**
 - ✓ Not Valid for Student or Sport Pilots
- ✓ **Medical Certificate**
 - ✓ Basic Medical now OK in Bahamas and Mexico as of 12/2019 (But, NOT Canada)
- ✓ **Registration & Airworthiness Certificate**
 - ✓ No Temp Registration – Make Sure they are all the correct Tail No
- ✓ **Notarized letter**
 - ✓ from the registered owner giving you permission to take the plane into Mexico if you are not the person shown on the registration. (Corporation or LLC.)
- ✓ **Notarized letter for Minors from BOTH Parents**
 - ✓ giving you permission to take a Minor into Mexico – Needs BOTH Parents – even if you are one of them.
- ✓ **US Insurance showing Coverage in Mexico or Mexico Insurance policy**
- ✓ **NEW for 2024 : Entry Permit requires a document showing Aircraft Seating layout**
- ✓ **U.S. Customs Decal**
 - ✓ **\$34.83 (2024) Purchase via website <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/> or at Customs Office**
- ✓ **Passports**
 - ✓ Crew & Pax - Should have a minimum of 90 days until it expires (6 mo via the Regs)
- ✓ **Large 12" 'N' Numbers - Required for US Return**
 - ✓ 12" (Temporary Painters Tape Numbers OK for paint jobs with Small Numbers)
- ✓ **Mode – C or S or ADS-B Transponder**

eAPIS Registration

<https://eapis.cbp.dhs.gov/>

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Verify the Selections below, then Save Flight Info, before filing eAPIS.

Save Flight Info

Manifest : * Liga Default MMCN (7323)

Manifest Dates : 01/30/2024 - 01/29/2024

Aircraft : N8241K

N8241K - 1991 - Beech - F33A

Pilot : Blythe

Stephen Blythe

Passengers : Blythe, Kathleen

US Departure Schedule (Local Times)

KCXL - Calexico, CA

US Departure : 01/30/2024 09:00 AM

MMCN-Ciudad Obregon, MEX

Foreign Arrival : 01/30/2024 12:30 PM

FactSheet : KCXL - Calexico, CA

USA Customs Phone & Email : (Click to Call or Message)

(760) 357-1208 Office

(760) 357-1268 Office

(760) 768-5358 Watch Cmdr

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You can signup for a SenderID here: <https://eapis.cbp.dhs.gov/>

eAPIS Sender ID : New :

Related eAPIS Sender ID :

Related eAPIS Sender IDs provide the ability to select from a Masterlist of Manifests, Pilots and Pax's.
Enter ALL your related SenderIDs in the format "APGA1234|APGA5678|APIS*123|APIS*456|"

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Aircraft :	<input type="text" value="N8241K"/>	Show All :	<input type="text" value="No"/>	Show DeActivated Aircraft
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<input type="button" value="Save Aircraft"/>	<input type="button" value="Add New Aircraft"/>	<input type="button" value="Save as NEW Aircraft"/>	<input type="button" value="DEL"/>
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Aircraft

ID - Tail No :	<input type="text" value="N8241K"/>	N8241K
Set Default :	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DeActivate Aircraft : <input type="checkbox"/>

Group Management

(Optional) Groups are use to connect multiple items together to hide and delete later, Useful for Part 135 operations.			
Group :	<input type="text" value="Live"/>	NEW Group : <input type="text" value="Aircraft Group"/>	Group Action : <input type="text" value="Choose Action"/>

Aircraft Description

Manufacture :	<input type="text" value="Beech"/>	Beechcraft
Aircraft Type :	<input type="text" value="BE33"/>	BE33
Aircraft Model :	<input type="text" value="F33A"/>	F33A
Aircraft Year :	<input type="text" value="1991"/>	1991
CallSign :	<input type="text" value="Call Sign"/>	(Optional)
The following are NOT required for eAPIS but are required for International Flight Plans		
Aircraft Base :	<input type="text" value="KCNO"/>	
Equipment :	<input type="text" value="SG/SB2"/>	Example: SG/SB2 (Std,GPS/ADSB in/out)
Airworthiness No :	<input type="text" value="FA 1234"/>	FA 1234

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Pilot : New Pilot - (1370) ▾

Show All : Yes ▾

Show DeActivated Pilots

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Pilot

Pilot Name - ID : New Pilot -

Set Default : ☐ DeActivate Pilot : ☐

Group Management

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Group : Choose Pilot Group ▾

NEW Group : Pilot Group

Group Action : Choose Action ▾

Pilot Contact Information

It is VERY IMPORTANT that this data has to MATCH your PASSPORT Information.

Last Name : New Pilot

First Name : First Name

Middle Name : Middle Name

Birth Date : 01/28/2024

Birth City : City

State : Choose State ▾

Country : Choose Country ▾

Pilot Status : PILOT ▾

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Person Name :

DeActivate : ☐

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Group : NEW Group : Group Action :

Name

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Last Name :

First Name :

Middle Name :

Alternate Name :

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Import Shared Manifest : Select Shared Manifest to Copy ▾				

Manifest

Name :	Liga Default MMCN				
SenderID :					
Set Default :	<input type="checkbox"/>	DeActivate Manifest :	<input type="checkbox"/>	Share Manifest :	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Group Management

(Optional) Groups are use to connect multiple items together to hide and delete later, Useful for Part 135 operations.

Group :	Liga ▾	NEW Group :	Manifest Group	Group Action :	Choose Action ▾
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USA Departure

USA Departure - US Departure Airport

Customs Departure Airport should be a US Customs Airport close to Departure Airport.

Airport Type :	Fee-CBP ▾
Departure Customs :	CA - KCXL - Calexico - Calexico International Airport ▾
Airport :	KCXL
City :	Calexico
State :	CA : California ▾
Use ONLY if Departure Customs Dropdown missing your desired Customs Airport.	
Departure Place :	KCNO Hanger 1 ▾
Airport and FBO, Spot or Hanger on Your Departure Airport.	
Local Date :	01/30/2024
Local Time :	09:00 AM
The Departure Time should be the estimated LOCAL time you will cross the Border.	

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USA Arrival

USA Arrival - Foreign Departure Airport

Use a known ICAO airport code closest to the location of departure.
The closest City to departure should be specified.
The country of departure should be specified.

Foreign Airport :

City :

Country :

Local Date :

Local Time :

The Departure Time should be the estimated LOCAL time you will Depart from the Foiegn Airport.

USA Arrival - US Arrival Airport

Customs Arrival Airport should be a US Customs Airport nearest your border crossing unless the aircraft and flight has approval via an over-flight exemption.

Airport Type :

Arrival Customs :

Airport :

City :

State :

Use ONLY if Arrival Customs Dropdown does not contain your desired Customs Airport.

Arrival Place :

Airport and Customs, FBO, Spot or Hanger on Your Arrival Airport.

Local Date :

Local Time :

The Arrival Time should be the estimated LOCAL time you will Land at USA Customs Airport.

USA Arrival - Foreign Route

Border Crossing :

Describe Border Crossing Location in relation to an Airport, City or VOR.

Foreign Route :

No USA Airports - Only Foreign Airports you visited.

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Select from People entered on the People Menu to include on your eAPIS Manifest & FlightPlan.

Add Existing People to the Manifest.

Select Group Filter : Choose Group Filter ▾

Select Person : Choose People to Add (12 of 14) ▾

1: Passenger (151) - Blythe

Keep Pax ▾

Name :

USA Address :

Gender : F

Birth Date :

Residence : USA

Travel Document : Passport : (P)

Travel Doc Expires :

2: Passenger (253) - Blythe

Keep Pax ▾

Name :

USA Address :

Gender : M

Birth Date :

Residence : USA

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Show All : No Show DeActivated Manifests

Save Manifest

Add New Manifest

Save as NEW Manifest

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Import Shared Manifest : Select Shared Manifest to Copy

Manifest

Name : Liga Default MMCN

SenderID :

Set Default : DeActivate Manifest : Share Manifest :

Group Management

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Group : Liga

NEW Group : Manifest Group


Group Action : Choose Action

Exclude PAX

Exclude a Manifest PAX from a Flightplan (✓ = On Flight, ✖ = Excluded)

	Pilot, Crew and Passengers		USA	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	USA
			OUT	MMCN	XFTE	XALS	XFTE	MMCN	KCXL
Pilot: 117	Blythe	Stephen							
+Pax: 151	Blythe	Kathleen	✖	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
+Pax: 253	Blythe	Philip	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Save FlightPlan Add New FlightPlan Save as NEW FlightPlan DEL

Import Shared FlightPlan : Select Shared Manifest to Copy ▾

FlightPlan

Name : Liga Default MMCN

SenderID :

Default : ☐ DeActivate FlightPlan : ☐ Share FlightPlan : ☒

Group Management

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Group : Liga ▾ NEW Group : FlightPlan Group Group Action : Choose Action ▾

Only Required to Print International Flight Plans - NOT required to file eAPIS Manifests

Mexico Entrance & Arrival Documents

Dates are defaulted from eAPIS Manifest Dates.

Intl Entrance : 01/30/2024 Intl Departure : 01/29/2024 Intl Expire date : 02/28/2024

USA Origin : KCNO KSNA Intl Arrival : MMCN MMCN Intl Departure : MMCN MMCN

FP#	Date	Time	From	AOE	To	AOE	Route	Alt	Crew	Pax	Total
1	01/30/2024		MMCN	Yes	XFTE	No	DCT	5.5	1	2	3
2	01/30/2024		XFTE	No	XALS	No	DCT	4.5	1	2	3
3	01/29/2024		XALS	No	XFTE	No		4.5	1	2	3
4	01/29/2024		XFTE	No	MMCN	Yes	DCT	4.5	1	2	3

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Save FlightPlan

Add New FlightPlan

Save as NEW FlightPlan

DEL

Import Shared FlightPlan : Select Shared Manifest to Copy

FlightPlan

Name : Liga Default MMCN

SenderID : APGA1614

Default : ☐ DeActivate FlightPlan : ☐ Share FlightPlan : ☒

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Group : Liga NEW Group : FlightPlan Group Group Action : Choose Action

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Flight Plan Leg 1 : MMCN to XFTE (FPLegID:4428)

Date : Entrance Date 01/30/2024

Departing : MMCN AOE : Yes

Time : 12:30 PM Leave Blank to complete manually

Altitude : 5.5

Route Waypoints : DCT

Destination : XFTE AOE : No

Route Time : 00:30 (01:30)

Alternate : MMLM

People Total : 3 Pilot : 1 PAX : 2
Counts are Auto Updated based upon Flightplan Crew & Pax Entry/Exclude

Flight Type : General Aviation

Flight Rules : VFR # in Flg FPLegType

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Passengers :
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CAUTION : Your eAPIS US Arrival (01/29/2024) is BEFORE your eAPIS US Departure (01/30/2024) Date
This would be OK if you are NOT Based in the USA. Your Operator Country is USA
Please EDIT your eAPIS Manifest if this is not correct.

ERROR : Your Passenger (PAX) Passport is Expired or will Expire in 30 Days.
Please EDIT your Passenger (PAX) List Information on the People Menu.

253 Blythe, Philip Check Passport Expiration Date, it is Expired - 9/25/2013

Reported eAPIS Errors = 1

*** You have 1 ERROR Messages, or invalid or missing data. ***

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[Validate eAPIS Data](#)

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Validate the Dates and Times as well as the Arrival Customs Airport.
Call your Arrival Customs office to verify their receipt - Prior to Flight

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Outbound Itinerary

Outbound Departure Location

Airport Code	KCXL
City/State	Calxico CA
Place Description	KCNO Hanger 2f
Local Departure Date	2024-01-30
Local Departure Time	09:00
Border Crossing	20 Miles West of KCXL
Foreign Airport 1-5	MMCN XFTE

Outbound Arrival Location

Airport Code	MMCN
City/State	Ciudad Obregon MEX
Local Arrival Date	2024-01-30
Local Arrival Time	12:30

Aircraft

Tail Number	N8241K
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NO WARNING Messages - OK to File your eAPIS Manifest

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1. USA eAPIS :

[File eAPIS Data Directly to DHS-CBP Servers](#)

[File USA eAPIS Departure](#)

USA Departure - Out-Bound
Manifest Qty : -1

[File USA eAPIS Arrival](#)

USA Arrival - In-Bound
Manifest Qty : 2

2. Mexico eAPIS :

[File eAPIS Data via Excel Sheet](#)

[NEW Mexico eAPIS Instructions from Mexico](#)

[Mexico Entry Authorization \(AIU\)](#)

Mexico Entry Authorization (AIU) Attach Require Document to
Send eMail 2 Days Prior to Entry

[Mexico Excel File Arrival](#)

Mexico Arrival - In-Bound from USA
Manifest Qty : -1

[Mexico Excel File Departure](#)

Mexico Departure - Out-Bound to USA
Manifest Qty : 2

3. Bahamas : Click2Clear

[File Bahamas Custom Information via Click2Clear](#)

BAHAMAS NOTICE :

Effective May 30, 2022 the Bahamas requires you to utilize their [Click2Clear](#) Program

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Document Print Recommendations

Crew & Pax List : Qty 1

MX Landing Doc : Qty 1

MX Arrival Report : Qty 1

MX FlightPlan : Qty 5

USA OUTBound to MMCN on 01/30/2024 at 09:00

Pilot: 1 | Crew: 0 | Pax: -2 | Exclude: 3 | OnBoard: -1

Mexico Entry Authorization - (48 hr Prior)

Mexico eAPIS Excel Arrival - (1 hr Prior)

File USA eAPIS Departure (1 Hr Prior)

MX Landing Doc : MMCN

Crew & Pax List : KCNO

MX Arrival Report : MMCN

FlightPlan Leg 1 - MMCN to XFTE on 01/30/2024

Pilot: 1 | Crew: 0 | Pax: 1 | Exclude: 0 | OnBoard: 2

MX FlightPlan : MMCN-XFTE

MX Landing Doc : XFTE

Crew & Pax List : MMCN

FlightPlan Leg 2 - XFTE to XALS on 01/30/2024

Pilot: 1 | Crew: 0 | Pax: 1 | Exclude: 0 | OnBoard: 2

MX Landing Doc : XALS

Crew & Pax List : XFTE

FlightPlan Leg 3 - XALS to XFTE on 01/29/2024

Pilot: 1 | Crew: 0 | Pax: 1 | Exclude: 0 | OnBoard: 2

MX Landing Doc : XFTE

Crew & Pax List : XALS

FlightPlan Leg 4 - XFTE to MMCN on 01/29/2024

Pilot: 1 | Crew: 0 | Pax: 1 | Exclude: 0 | OnBoard: 2

MX Landing Doc : MMCN

Crew & Pax List : XFTE

MX Arrival Report : MMCN

FlightPlan Leg 5 - MMCN to KCXL on 01/29/2024

Pilot: 1 | Crew: 0 | Pax: 1 | Exclude: 0 | OnBoard: 2

Mexico eAPIS Excel Departure - (1 Hr Prior)

MX FlightPlan : MMCN-KCXL

Crew & Pax List : MMCN

USA INBound to KCXL on 01/29/2024 at 12:30

Pilot: 1 | Crew: 0 | Pax: 1 | Exclude: 0 | OnBoard: 2

File USA eAPIS Arrival (1 Hr Prior)

Crew & Pax List : KCXL

Mexico eAPIS

- Uses same info as US eAPIS
- Filed thru Populated Excel Form to Mexico
- Put eAPIS filing copies in your binder

Corporate Use in Mexico

The following is an example of a Letter for use of a Airplane owned by a Corporation for use in Mexico. (Personal / Not for Profit) Letter should be printed on Letterhead and be Notarized.

To whom it may concern:

This Authorizes **STEPHEN P. BLYTHE** to fly the aircraft **N-8241K, a 1991 Bonanza F33A**, in Mexico between the Dates: 1/1/2009 and 12/31/2012 for Personal Use, Not for Profit

Stephen P. Blythe

Stephen P. Blythe, President
Blytheco Inc
23161 Mill Creek Dr., Suite 200
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

(Notary Expire Date should be
after the thru data on this
document)

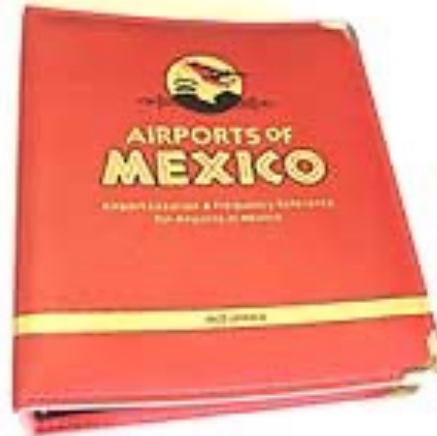
Phone: 949 583-9500

Mexican Insurance

You ***must*** have an USA insurance policy clearly stating you are covered in **MEXICO** or a policy issued by a Mexican liability carrier before you travel to Mexico.

- Aircraft liability insurance required in Mexico
- Keep 2 copies of insurance summary in your binder
- Policy coverage area **MUST** include Mexico
- Highlight the word “Mexico” in yellow highlighter
- Keep copies of both the summary and full policy

Flight Planning & Preparation



- ✓ Jeppesen Mexico Trip Kit (IFR)
- ✓ Jeppesen/Forflight America's Nav Database
- ✓ Airports of Mexico Flying Guide (\$ 45.00 – Baja Bush Pilots)
- ✓ Baja Bush Pilots Website www.bushpilotsinternational.com/
- ✓ Liga International www.LigaInternational.org
- ✓ Flying Samaritans www.flyingsamaritans.net



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- Training
- iPad, iPhone, Android
- Aviation Headsets
- Avionics and Radios
- Flight Bags, Kneeboards
- Cameras, Drones
- Aircraft Supplies
- Charts and Maps
- Apparel and Sunglasses
- Gifts and Models
- Safety and Survival

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SHOP BY

PRICE

\$0.00 and above (2)

MEXICO CHARTS

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Position

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2 Item(s)

SHOW: 24



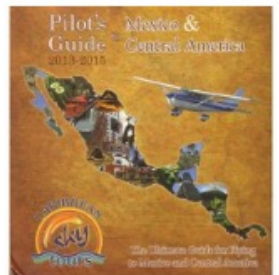
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Pilot's Guide to Mexico &
Central America

M842A

\$59.95



ADD TO CART

Flight Planning & Preparation

Arrival and Departure Airports must be Customs Airports

Airport Name	ID	Apch	Tower	VOR	ATIS	Runway	Length	Elv	GPS Locaion
Mexicali	MMML	twr	118.2	115.0	127.6	10 / 28	8530	72	N32 37.8 W115 14.5
Tijuana	MMTJ	119.5	118.1	116.5	127.9	09 / 27	9711	499	N32 32.5 W116 58.3
Ensenada	MMES	twr	119.75	400n	.	11 / 29	4892	66	N31 47.7 W116 36.1
San Felipe	MMSF	twr	118.5	.	.	13 / 31	5170	150	N30 56.0 W114 49.0
Puerto Penasco	MPPE	twr	122.8	112.1	.	11 / 21	4900	30	N31 21.0 W113 32.0
Guaymas	MMGM	twr	118.6	.	.	02 / 20	7700	89	N27 58.0 W110 55.0
Hermosillo	MMHO	121.4	118.7	112.8	127.7	05 / 23 11 / 29	7546 3609	646	N29 05.7 W111 02.8
Ciudad Obregon	MMCN	twr	118.3	115.1	127.6	13 / 31	7500	243	N27 23.6 W109 50.0
Loreto	MMLT	twr	118.4	113.2	.	16 / 34	7218	10	N25 59.4 W111 20.9

File a USA Flight Plan

- ✓ Call 1 800 WXBRIEF (800 992-7433) In Mexico 001 858 277-3493
- ✓ When you complete your flight plan, tell Flight Service that you need a “**return customs notification**” for the date of your return.
 - ✓ (**ADCUS** in the remarks)
 - ✓ You must indicate the U.S. Airport of Entry to which you will be returning, generally San Diego Brown (KSDM), Calexico (KCXL) or Yuma (KYUM), and the time at which you anticipate you will return. (GA Airport w/ Customs)
 - ✓ Flight Service will then notify Customs when to expect you.
- ✓ File IFR or VFR flight plan to Mexico up to **22 hours in advance** of border crossing
- ✓ Return flight plan from Mexico to the US can be filed **30 days in advance**.
- ✓ Start your USA Departure Flight under IFR, or on an VFR activated flight plan with VFR flight following

Customs Phone Numbers

- ✓ [eAPIS Private Flyers Guide](#) - On our eAPIS Help Page
A must read PDF Document, Instructions, Ports of Entry, forms etc for crossing the border. Including Phone #'s and website links
- ✓ https://www.eapisfile.com/Docs/eAPIS/airport_inspection.pdf List of Customs Ports
- ✓

Calexico CA (KCXL)	760.357.1208	Sun-Sat 0800-2000
San Diego Brown (KSDM)	619.661.3294	Mon-Fri 0800-2000 Sat-Sun 1200-2000
Palomar (KCRQ) \$50	760.431.4629	Sun-Sat 0900-1700
- ✓

Yuma AZ (KYUM)	928.344.9572	Mon-Fri 0800-1600
Tucson AZ (KTUS)	520.799.8348 x5	Sun-Sat 0700-2000

Updating a eAPIS Change

- ✓ You have to provide a 1 hour notice for any Change. CBP is currently issuing fines for taking off prior to 1 hour after filing your eAPIS via the website.
- ✓ You should re-file the eAPIS documents and wait for a confirmation for any change.
- ✓ If its is only a Time Change for the **Same Day** then you can update via Flight Services.
 - ✓ Flight Services 122.6 122.5, 122.4 for San Diego – Ask them to **ADVISE CUSTOMS**
- ✓ Verify that Customs Office will be staffed the Day and Time you plan to arrive.
 - ✓ https://www.eapisfile.com/Docs/eAPIS/airport_inspection.pdf List of Customs Ports
 - ✓ Verify the procedures at your Port of entry – **Each Port is Different**
 - ✓ Call them! Ask them about time change procedures and staffing hours
- ✓ **Date and Time Changes are a Big Advantage of our Website**
 - ✓ You can make a change and re-file in 1-2 min.
 - ✓ 30-60 min process via the DHS/CBP Website
 - ✓ Liga and Sams PAX are auto populated to the Flight Plans

Min 48 Hrs Before Departure

The following is a Check List for Minimum of 2 days before Departure :

- ✓ Passports REQUIRED for All Pilots & Passengers
- ✓ Entry Permit AND 2 sets of Printed Required Documents
 - ✓ Pilot's License
 - ✓ Medical Certificate
 - ✓ Registration
 - ✓ Airworthiness Certificate
 - ✓ Notarized letter from the registered owner
 - ✓ Aircraft Seat layout
 - ✓ Mexico Insurance policy
- ✓ Upload and Email generated documents. (via our website)
 - ✓ Entry Authorization (Autorizacion de Internacion Unica, also called 'AIU')
- ✓ Generate Mexico eAPIS Excel forms and submit via email. (via our website)
- ✓ USA eAPIS filing (via our website) for Departure and Return
- ✓ Print out and keep with you the eAPIS confirmation # for both flights
- ✓ Flight Plan and Return Flight Plan Filled w/ US Flight Service

Day of Departure

The following is a Check List for the Day of Departure:

- ✓ Passports REQUIRED for All Pilots & Passengers
- ✓ Multi-Entry Permit or 2 sets of Required Documents
 - ✓ Pilot's License & Medical Certificate
 - ✓ Registration & Airworthiness Certificate
 - ✓ Notarized letter from the registered owner
- ✓ Mexico Insurance policy
- ✓ REFILE - Mexico eAPIS Excel Forms 1 hr before departure
- ✓ Optional: Draft Copies or Completed Copies of MX Flight Plans etc.
- ✓ CC/Cash for Fuel & Fees w/ Small Bills – Do not expect much change
- ✓ eAPIS filing (via our website or eAPIS Site) for Departure and Return
- ✓ Print out and keep with you the eAPIS confirmation # for both flights
- ✓ Flight Plan and Return Flight Plan Filled w/ US Flight Service
- ✓ Mexico IFR Flight Pac and Baja Bush Airports Guide
- ✓ Prop Lock, Tie Downs
- ✓ 2-4 Qrts of Oil, Basic Repair Tools.
- ✓ Basic Survival Gear (Water or Land)
- ✓ Backup Nav/Com Radio, GPS, Personal ELT etc.
- ✓ Hats, Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Water, Snacks, Camera, Proper Clothing

Credit Card Problems

- ✓ **Expect your credit card MAY not work to pay for gas**
- ✓ **Calling your credit provider while trying to pay for gas won't work**
- ✓ **Let your card company know you will be traveling before you go**
- ✓ **Bring pesos to pay cash for gas, incase CC machine is down**
- ✓ **Cash USA dollars are NO LONGER ACCEPTED**
- ✓ **Mexican fuel prices average about 25% less than US price**
- ✓ **ATM Cards work great, lowest service charges in grocery stores**

Flying across the ADIZ to Mexico

The following is what you can expect as you fly across the USA ADIZ into Mexico:

- ✓ **Refile your Mexico eAPIS Excel Forms 1 hr prior to Departure**
- ✓ **Open your Mexico IFR or VFR Flight Plan**
- ✓ **You will be provided a Discrete Transponder Code to Cross the ADIZ**

- ✓ **US Controllers “squawk VFR” 1-10 miles before Border.**
- ✓ **Before crossing border heading south, call the nearest Mexican towered airport and report crossing the border, usually Mexicali (118.2) or Tijuana (119.5).**
- ✓ **Speak English slowly and clearly**

- ✓ **On first call to Mexican controllers, state only your N number and await a response.**
- ✓ **Then state your type aircraft, departure point, destination, altitude and position.**

- ✓ **You will be given a squawk code and asked to report at various positions and then told when to leave frequency and the next frequency suggested.**
- ✓ **Keep your ADS-B & Transponder ON at all times**

- ✓ **Mexican controllers prefer that you speak English unless you are 100% fluent in Spanish.**
- ✓ **Unless otherwise instructed, contact Mexican Towers 50 DME out.**

- ✓ **Watch out for Restricted Areas Around HMO and south of TJ**
- ✓ **Radar is improving but spotty.**

Landing at an AOE in México

- ✓ Flying, communication and landing same as USA
- ✓ After landing, armed soldier will usually approach aircraft
- ✓ Be prepared to provide names, tail #, where from, where 2, fuel on board, last amount of fuel purchased, where fuel purchased.
 - ✓ Use our LANDING Document to provide this information
- ✓ Customs may search the plane (30% of time)
 - ✓ Take luggage in to terminal if asked
- ✓ Ask fuel truck for gas (“alas” = mains, “puntas” = tips, “lleno” = full)
- ✓ Pay for gas
- ✓ Send passengers to potty and to Immigration/Customs with their passports.

Mexico Fees Summary

Air navigation services in Mexico are not free. The information listed below is our best understanding of the current Mexican fee structure. You can expect to pay: (note: these can change regularly and so does the exchange rate.)

- ✓ **A US\$120 tax (N\$2400) each time an aircraft crosses into Mexican airspace (an **annual permit** can be purchased at the AOE for the **same amount**). This amount is double what it was in 2013**
- ✓ **An airspace tax which is based on the wingspan (amended May 13, 2005):**
 - ✓ Up to 10 meters (32.8 feet) and helicopters: The tax is N\$70 or about US\$6.36.
 - ✓ More than 10, up to 11.1 meters (36.4 feet): The tax is N\$100 or about US\$9.09.
 - ✓ More than 11.1 meters up to 16.7 meters (54.8 feet): The tax is N\$150 or about US\$13.64.
- ✓ **A landing fee based on the weight of the aircraft (about US\$8 for a single, \$15 for a twin).**
- ✓ **The Gas Invoice will have a series of Taxes & Fees – These also exist in the US but are not usually broken out on our receipts.**
- ✓ **A US\$40 (N\$800) per person immigration fee (this can be purchased as a multiple entry and would be good for 180 days).**
- ✓ **All other fees and taxes are local. Also, pilots are reminded that the above procedures and fees are general in nature and may vary from airport to airport.**

Mexico Paperwork for the Pilot

- ✓ **Flight Plan Office (maybe the Commandants office)**
 - ✓ Complete Arrival Report
 - ✓ Complete Flight Plan (Will be stamped at All Other offices to show you were there)
- ✓ **Commandants Office**
 - ✓ Purchase or Present Multi-Entry Permit.
- ✓ **Customs Office**
 - ✓ Bag or Plane Search,
 - ✓ Custom Forms Completed
- ✓ **Immigration Office**
 - ✓ Immigration Form Completed & Pay Fee – Now split for inbound and outbound
 - ✓ Passport Stamp
- ✓ **Fuel Payment – Cashier**
 - ✓ Get Fuel Receipt
 - ✓ Pay for Fuel, Taxes & Landing Fees
- ✓ **Flight Plan Office**
 - ✓ Back to Flight Plans Office to Check Out and get Flight Plan & Final Paperwork.
 - ✓ Important Documents to KEEP:
 - ✓ **Arrival Report, Flight Plan, Multi Entry Permit & Receipt**

Mexico Multi-Entry Permit

- ✓ Remember : File your Entry Authorization (Autorizacion de Internacion Unica, also called 'AIU') 2 days Prior to Departure.
 - ✓ You will receive a Reply Email, Usually within 24 hrs.
 - ✓ Provide a copy of that email to the Comandante
- ✓ If requested, Present paper copies of these documents:
 - ✓ Remember to bring 2 Printed copies of each....
 - ✓ Pilot's License
 - ✓ Medical Certificate
 - ✓ Registration
 - ✓ Airworthiness Certificate
 - ✓ Notarized letter from the registered owner (if you are not)
 - ✓ Aircraft Seat Layout
 - ✓ Insurance policy showing coverage in Mexico

Mexico Flight Forms

Filling out in advance saves time

- ✓ **Flight Plan (*Plan de Vuelo*)**
 - ✓ (**4 copies**) – At each AOE
- ✓ **Arrival Report (*Reporta de Llegada en Vuelo de Ruta*)**
 - ✓ (**2 copies**) At each AOE
- ✓ **Mexico Entry Permit** and **proof of payment of entry fee** if you have entered earlier in the calendar year.
 - ✓ **KEEP the Receipt with the Permit**



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PILOTO AL MANDO Pilot in command <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">C / Stephen Philip Blythe-2810768-USA</div>		DOMICILIO Address <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">KCNO</div>	

Mexico After the AOE

Check Fuel, Get back in the Plane and contact the Tower for taxi (same as in the US) Take off to your next airport. They will expect you to report heading, Altitude and distance from the airport (Usually 5, 10 & 30 Miles out. If you did not file a flight plan or the commandant did not send it to the tower, you may be asked to return to the commandants office.

- ✓ If you travel to other airports in Mexico the airport officials will meet your plane and ask for your name and pilot's license number, and may ask to see a copy of your Aircraft Arrival document and the flight plan from your AOE or last airport.
- ✓ The only difference at from the AOE airport (First Landing) and your second stop will be less entrance paperwork and less of a chance for a customs inspection. You will still need to complete a Flight Plan, Pay Landing fees, Parking Fees, Departure Fees etc.
- ✓ Non Towered airports do not require Flight Plans to depart and have much fewer fees, if any.

Mexico Paperwork for the Pilot

The first few time I flew into Mexico and went to different Airports I was unfamiliar with the expected procedures. They all seemed to work differently. But, after I learned the procedures they really are all the same. Here are the steps you can expect:

- ✓ **Flight Plan Office (maybe the Commandants office)**
 - ✓ Complete Arrival Report
 - ✓ Complete Flight Plan (Will be stamped at All Other offices to show you were there)
- ✓ **Commandants Office**
 - ✓ Purchase or Present Entry Permit.
- ✓ **Customs Office**
 - ✓ Bag or Plane Search,
 - ✓ Custom Forms Completed
- ✓ **Immigration Office**
 - ✓ Immigration Form Completed & Pay Fee – Now split for inbound and outbound
 - ✓ Passport Stamp
- ✓ **Fuel Payment – Cashier**
 - ✓ Get Fuel Receipt
 - ✓ Pay for Fuel, Taxes & Landing Fees
- ✓ **Flight Plan Office**
 - ✓ Back to Flight Plans Office to Check Out and get Flight Plan & Final Paperwork.
 - ✓ Important Documents to KEEP:
 - ✓ **Arrival Report, Flight Plan, Multi Entry Permit & Receipt**

Common Operational Questions

- ✓ **Can you file a Mexican flight plan over the telephone?**
 - ✓ **NO.** You must file a flight plan in writing for approval of every flight-both VFR and IFR, and they must be opened and closed in person.
- ✓ **Can I use any airport for entry into Mexico?**
 - ✓ **NO.** General aviation aircraft must enter and exit through designated Airports of Entry in Mexico.
- ✓ **What can I do if I cannot establish communications with ATC over water?**
 - ✓ If you are having difficulty establishing communications, often overflying airline traffic will be willing to relay messages to ATC. This is especially helpful with regard to position reports over Gulf coastal areas. Also plan your flight at higher altitudes for improved radio communications.
- ✓ **Should I speak Spanish over the radio?**
 - ✓ Do not speak Spanish over the radio unless your Spanish is excellent. English is the official operational language.
- ✓ **How can I reduce the chance of being charged for overtime services?**
 - ✓ Plan your flights to arrive and depart at both U.S. and Mexican Immigration/Customs office only during normal working hours. It would also be wise to plan your flight in the morning to avoid siesta time. A list of Mexican holidays is listed in the appendix.
- ✓ **Should I keep my flight plans?**
 - ✓ **YES.** Retain your copies of all documents (flight plans and Mexican forms and receipts) for future reference, because they will be required by the Mexican officials.
- ✓ **Should I tip Mexican officials?**
 - ✓ Generally, it is not necessary to tip Mexican Customs and Immigration officials; however, moderate tipping to the fuel-pump attendants is common.
- ✓ **Can I use my portable cellular telephone while in flight?**
 - ✓ **NO.** The FCC has specific rules against the use of cellular phones in aircraft while in flight. Also, cellular phones may be considered portable electronic devices. Refer to FAR 91.21.
- ✓ **Can I depart a controlled field if the weather looks better than forecast?**
 - ✓ The commandant at the airport has the authority to prevent a pilot to take off if he deems it is unsafe. Do not argue because he legally has this authority.
- ✓ **Can I drop off friends in Mexico and come back and pick them up later?**
 - ✓ **YES.** Recent changes in Mexico's regulations have eliminated previous restrictions.

Be a Traveler NOT a Tourist

Enjoy Mexico – The further South you go the better the country, culture and the people.

**Slow Down, Relax, Treat them with Respect, Enjoy the Experience
The nicer you are the better their English is !!**

No VFR Flights at NIGHT – IFR ONLY

IFR is not like in the USA – Do not expect much help.

Radar is HIGH 15k+ and spotty.

TCAS is a Nice feature to have. – Keep your Transponder ON

Flying in Mexico is Back to the Basics – Enjoy it.

Getting Back into the USA

Now for the HARD Stuff. - Getting Back into the USA.

- ✓ **Land at a Mexico AOE before Departure** (whether or not you need fuel).
 - ✓ **Commandants Office**
 - ✓ Email your Mexico Departure eAPIS Excel Form to the AOE.
 - ✓ You will file an International Flight Plan to your U.S. Airport of Entry.
 - ✓ Call your US customs agent at US Arrival Airport and update eAPIS Times
- ✓ eAPIS must be updated with the Customs office for the US AOE. If it's a time change it can be done via Phone or if it's a full time office via Flight Service. **The procedure is different per Office, Call to Check.**
- ✓ You **MUST Re-file your USA eAPIS documents** if it is a **different day** than the original filing date.
- ✓ Upon departing Mexico you need to depart from a Mexican Airport of Entry Enroute, if it appears that your time of arrival at your U.S. Airport of Entry is going to differ from the time that you filed with **San Diego FSS, call San Diego Radio on 122.6, 122.4, 122.5** and tell them you need to **"update your border crossing flight plan ETA"**. You can call them from Mexico via Phone 001 858 277-3493 or in the US at 800 439-4322.
- ✓ You can usually reach San Diego just north of Puerto Penasco VOR or San Felipe. You can then be up to 15 minutes late at your airport of arrival for your updated arrival time, but not early. Plan accordingly.
- ✓ Make sure you Filed your Return Flight Plan when you left the US. I recommend that It should be scheduled for a few hrs later than you expect to return. This will give you flexibility on your return and make the return into the US easier. This just makes it easier but is not required. 30 vs 60 Min
- ✓ **You must be on a discrete transponder code when crossing the border northbound.** Call San Diego on 122.6, .4, .5 and open your flight plan and request a squawk code.

USA Customs

You will Now cross the Border with a Discreet Transponder Code. You need to arrive at the Customs Airport within 15 min of your scheduled ETA. Not Before only after. Circle the airport if you are early.

- ✓ **The fine is \$5000 for failure to notify US Customs at least 1 hour prior to your arrival.**
 - ✓ Trust me it sounds a lot worse than it is.
 - ✓ The key to this is to File your Flight plan to get back into the US when you leave the US. This allows you to only provide a 1/2 hr notice.
 - ✓ Easily done on SD Radio 122.6 30-60 min south of the US Border.
 - ✓ The ADCUS in the flight plan is the request for them to call Customs for you.
 - ✓ Worst case is you just slow down or burn ½ hr fuel over Mexico.
 - ✓ At 6-10,000ft you can reach SD Radio 35-45 min out.
 - ✓ Once I came into Brown Field early (the rare chance I had a Tail wind) there was no Customs on site. So I just did 3 Touch & Goes w/ the tower then landed at my assigned time.
 - ✓ Calexico is much more flexible since Customs is onsite at that field. I have landed 15 mins after contacting ATC w/ no issues.
 - ✓ The key is a Customs agent has to be present when you land and **stay w/ your plane until they clear you.**
 - ✓ Don't even let your passengers do a potty stop unless customs clears them.
- ✓ Upon landing at your U.S. Airport of Entry, you will be directed to the appropriate position for Customs.
 - ✓ Stay with your aircraft, and have all of your passengers stay there, until a customs officer comes to see you.
 - ✓ You will have to either present or purchase a **U.S. Customs Sticker** (\$30 per year).
 - ✓ You will also be asked to present your ORIGINAL **passport, visa and/or Green card, pilot's license, medical certificate, aircraft registration, and airworthiness certificate.**
 - ✓ You and your passengers will also be asked for **passports** and other identification.
- ✓ **Close your International Flight Plan**
- ✓ Take off and Head home w/ lots of Good Memories

USA Customs Do's & Don'ts

- ✓ **DO know Customs and eAPIS rules.** There is lots of help on our website
- ✓ **DO** notify Customs in advance by telephone for eAPIS or Time changes.
- ✓ **DO** get Local Customs information from Local Customs officials.
- ✓ **DO** be on time.
- ✓ **DO** request the Customs officer's badge number if there is an issue.
- ✓ **DO** declare every article acquired abroad and accompanying you, including gifts.
- ✓ **DO** keep a record of all acquired items; save sales invoices.
- ✓ **DO** pack your purchases and gifts in one piece of luggage or a box.
- ✓ **DO** have all your baggage ready for inspection.
- ✓ **DO** know your state and federal liquor restrictions.
- ✓ **DO** understand that every country insists upon a Customs examination for returning residents.
- ✓ **DO** be patient.
- ✓ **DON'T** exceed your Customs exemption without expecting to pay duty.
- ✓ **DON'T** forget that your purchases sent home are subject to duty.
- ✓ **DON'T** be surprised if Customs opens your baggage
- ✓ **DON'T** forget that all accompanying foreign purchases must be declared, even those you wore or used.
- ✓ **DON'T** accept the offer of a "false" sales invoice. This could result in seizure or penalties.
- ✓ **DON'T** rely on the "experienced" traveler or foreign seller for Customs information.
- ✓ **DON'T** bring back fruits, plants, vegetables, or meat without permits from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- ✓ **DON'T** be late.
- ✓ **DON'T** exit your aircraft or the Blue Box until you are authorized by Customs.

Why Fly to Mexico

