

DELTA VIRTUAL AIRLINES

NOW DEPARTING
2023 HUB TOUR



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TOUR GENERAL INFORMATION

START DATE	03/25/2023	END DATE	06/17/2023	NUMBER OF LEGS: 08
DEPARTURE POINT:	KATL	FINAL ARRIVAL POINT:	KATL	

INTRODUCTION

Delta Airlines began carrying passengers in 1929. Since that time, the airline has operated a number of hubs, most of which are still in service today. Some, notably, are no longer hubs. For example, Chicago-O'Hare Airport was a hub until the early 1990s, and Cincinnati-CVG operated as one until 2008.

We begin at Delta's headquarters in Atlanta, which is by far Delta's busiest, with 1,400 daily departures. From there, we will travel to Detroit, Delta's second-busiest hub (500 daily departures). We then continue to Minneapolis-St. Paul, a hub inherited from Delta's merger with Northwest Airlines and home to several international departures. We then continue to LAX, one of two hubs inherited from the merger with Western Airlines, followed by Seattle and Salt Lake City. The longest leg of the tour comes next, as we travel to one of Delta's two New York city hubs, JFK. We will end our tour back in Atlanta. Hopefully, your aircraft won't need to visit Delta's award-winning TechOps by then!

HUB TOUR 2023 TIME CHALLENGE

Time challenge participation is not required to participate in this tour.

Rose Gold

1-3 days

Gold

4-5 days

Silver

6-7 days

Bronze

8-14 days

Time Challenge Rules:

1. Your time challenge tier will be determined by the amount of time you take to complete the tour, measured from the day you start the tour to the day you end the tour. Please know that you can still complete the tour like normal even if you do not qualify for any of the above tiers in the challenge.
2. All legs must be flown during the tour window and qualify for tour credit to count towards the challenge.
3. Time acceleration will result in disqualification from the challenge, no exceptions.
4. You must taxi all the way into and out of a gate at the beginning and end of every leg. Failing to do so will result in your tier being downgraded to the next lowest tier on completion. If your awarded tier would have been bronze, you will be disqualified.
5. No supersonic flight allowed, same penalty as rule #4 above.

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ACARS is required in order to receive credit for completion of each leg.

You may fly any leg of the tour online, offline, IFR or VFR. You may also fly with real live weather turned ON or OFF.

As long as you are rated on the aircraft, you may use any aircraft type in this tour. You may switch aircraft types as you wish during any leg.

In-flight refueling is not allowed; please ensure you calculate correctly how much fuel is required for each leg. If real live weather is ON, please ensure you plan your fuel accordingly in the event you need to hold or go around. If you need to deviate due to weather or an emergency, you will need to complete this leg of the tour again to receive proper credit.

The departure / arrival times are just for example purpose only, you may follow the schedule times or depart at your own leisure. You can take as long as you need to complete this tour during the tour active dates. **"If completion is not possible by the end date, no credit will be given; no exception to this rule is possible."**

In the following pages, you will find a series of blocks showing all the information regarding the legs that need to be flown in order to complete this tour. The legs have a number to the left of each box indicating the order in which they should be completed.

Example: Leg number 1 must be completed before leg number 2 and so on, until you reach the end.

A checkbox has been placed at the end of each box. This is for your convenience in the event you would like to check-mark after each leg is completed.

*****CONNECTED LOGBOOK PILOTS: READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY*****

Some DVA tours include airports which cannot be reached using our regular flight schedule database. These airports are highlighted in **RED** in the list of tour legs below and can **ONLY** be accessed by flying to and from them as part of the tour. Therefore, if you fly to the out of schedule airport on a tour leg, you must continue the tour until reaching an in-schedule airport if you wish for your logbook to remain connected. **DVA Operations will not approve any charter flight requests into or out of an out of schedule airport.**

If you have any questions regarding this tour, do not hesitate to contact Kevin_Hornaday@deltava.org (this tour organizer) or the Events Department at events@deltava.org.

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AIRPORTS TO BE VISITED DURING THIS TOUR

Each box indicates a tour leg. The flights are in the order to be flown from top to bottom.

The following information is included for each leg:

First line: Departure ICAO / Arrival ICAO / Flight number / Leg Number / Departure Local Time / Arrival Local Time.

IMPORTANT: Flight number and Leg number must be correct in order to receive tour credit.

To the right you can see an empty box for you to use once a segment is completed.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR PILOTS WITH CONNECTED LOGBOOKS

Airports below which are highlighted in **RED** are not found in the regular DVA schedule and you cannot fly to or from them unless doing so as part of a tour. If you maintain a connected logbook and wish to depart the tour, you must do so from an in-schedule airport for your PIREP to be approved. No charter flights will be granted to or from these airports.

Leg numbers highlighted in **RED** indicate that they are ARRIVING at an out-of-schedule airport. Do not complete these legs if you do not intend to continue the tour afterwards.

Note: Remember to complete each leg in the order is provided. Complete leg #1 before #2 and so on until you reach the last leg.

1	KATL - KDTW DL904 Leg 1 DEP: 0600 ARR: 0757 Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 518nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	KDTW - KMSP DL1100 Leg 1 DEP: 0850 ARR: 1006 Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 459nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	KMSP - KLAX DL831 Leg 1 DEP: 1140 ARR: 1346 Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 1334nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	KLAX - KSEA DL1046 Leg 1 DEP: 1630 ARR: 1921 Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 831nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	KSEA - KSLC DL1562 Leg 1 DEP: 0540 ARR: 0843 Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 598nm NOTAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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KSLC - KJFK | DL508 Leg 1 | DEP: 0950 | ARR: 1620
Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 1726nm
NOTAMS:

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KJFK - KBOS | DL5603 Leg 1 | DEP: 1800 | ARR: 1927
Altitude: RVSM Eastbound. Distance: 162nm
NOTAMS:

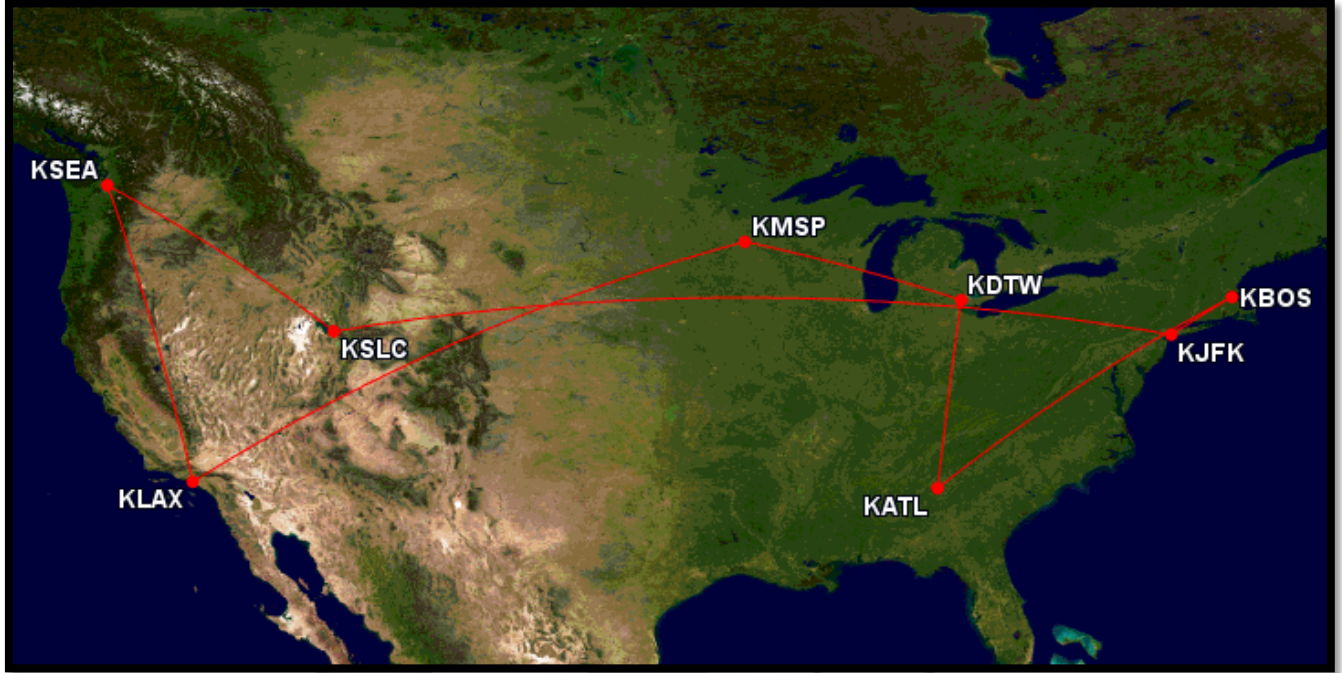
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KBOS - KATL | DL963 Leg 1 | DEP: 2159 | ARR: 0059
Altitude: RVSM Westbound. Distance: 822nm
NOTAMS:



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COMPLETE TOUR OVERVIEW MAP



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PILOT RESOURCES

Airport Charts

If searching for an airport in the USA, you can use the .charts feature in the ACARS program to load the charts for that specific airport. Example, you can type .charts KATL or .charts ATL and a new window will open with all the available procedures for that airport.

Some airports may not have charts available via the ACARS feature. As a suggestion, you may do a search on any of the popular search engines. For example, you may type: "LPMA charts" and follow the links. Some charts might be hard to find, but if you are using the FMS, you can figure out which type of approaches are available for that particular airport.

FINAL WORDS

Delta Virtual Airlines hopes that you will enjoy this tour. You may fly this tour solo at your own leisure (during the tour time frame) or with other pilots as well. The water cooler would be a good place for you to invite other pilots to fly together, or at least include when you are planning on flying a specific leg in the event some other pilots are planning flying the same leg of the tour.

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Have fun!

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