

Free Flight Operations

Air Transat Virtual understands that our pilots may occasionally wish to explore destinations outside of our scheduled network. To accommodate this, we provide the "Free Flight" system via the CrewCentre Trip Builder and our ACARS clients.

I. Creating a Free Flight

Pilots have three primary ways to initiate a flight not found in the official TSCV schedule:

1. **CrewCentre Trip Builder:** Use the built-in tool in the CrewCentre to create a custom itinerary.
2. **vmsACARS / smartCARS 3:** Flights can be created directly within the ACARS interface by entering the desired departure and arrival ICAO codes. When booking via ACARS, the flight number **MUST** begin with the number **7** followed by three digits of your choosing (e.g., **TS7xxx**). This specific numbering convention is used to distinguish free flights from our officially scheduled operations and assists in administrative auditing.
3. **Missing Airports:** If you wish to fly to or from an airport that is not currently available in our database, please reach out in the [#crew-support](#) channel on our official Discord server to request that it be added.

II. Operational Requirements

While Free Flights offer flexibility, they must still adhere to the core standards of Air Transat Virtual:

1. **Livery Requirement:** All free flights **MUST** be performed using a high-quality Air Transat livery. Using generic or other airline liveries is strictly prohibited.
2. **Aircraft Performance & Capability:** The aircraft selected for the flight must be physically capable of completing the route safely.
 - *Example:* An **Airbus A321ceo** cannot be used for a route like **Toronto (CYYZ) to Istanbul (LTFM)** as it lacks the necessary range.
 - Pilots are expected to perform basic flight planning to ensure fuel and performance limits are respected.
3. **Aircraft Class:** Pilots are encouraged to use aircraft they have already unlocked via their current [Pilot Rank](#).

III. Logging and PIREPs

- Free flights are logged and treated with the same scrutiny as scheduled flights.
- All [PIREP Approval Criteria](#) (landing rates, overspeeds, simulation rates, etc.) apply to Free Flights.
- Hours flown during Free Flights count fully toward your total Air Transat Virtual hours and rank progression.

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