

# THE WESTWIND JOURNAL

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### WestWind Airline Stats - YTD

Total Flight Hours:	11,498
Total Offline Hours:	9,389
Total Online Hours:	2,109
Total Flights:	3,657
Total Cargo (lbs.):	51,151,968

### WestWind Hub Rankings

#### April

#### Top 3 Hubs by Total Hours

1 - Miami	284
2 - Denver	273
3 - Singapore	257

#### Top 3 Hubs by Total Flights

1 - New York	83
2 - Cincinnati	80
3 - Chicago	69

#### Top 3 Hubs - VATSIM Hours

1 - London	22
2 - Calgary	21
3 - Denver	17



Let us express our deepest gratitude towards the sacrifices of the men and women who did everything possible to bring peace and prosperity.... Happy Memorial Day!!!





## NOW HIRING

Exciting career opportunity awaits you!

WestWind Airlines is seeking applications for **Chief Maintenance Officer (CMO)** - a position with a seat on the Executive Committee.

WestWind Airlines is seeking an enthusiastic and detail oriented individual who enjoys working in a team environment with a focus on promoting and growing our aircraft and scenery departments. This position requires that you have the ability to paint aircraft.

Are you ready to accelerate your virtual career into overdrive?

Contact **Sean McConnell** via Private Message on the WestWind Forums to apply.



## Update for KCVG Hub Scenery (XP12.1)

**Bob Sturm, VP of Scenery**, recently updated KCVG (Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky) for X-Plane 12.1 and higher. This version incorporates dual moving jetways and many additional new scenery enhancements that were not available for X-Plane 12.0. He also made some corrections to the airport over all. Of importance, in Bob's release notes, he advised to be sure to delete the older version of this scenery before installing the new version.

### Passenger Terminal



### Aerial View



Nice work and thank you, as always, Bob!

Check out page 4 for a great article from Bob on why he's updating WestWind Airlines X-Plane scenery.







# FlightSimExp 2025

Rhode Island Convention Center

June 27 - 29

**FlightSimExpo** is one of the world's largest enthusiast flight simulation conventions, welcoming more than 7,000 attendees to events since 2018. The show connects flight simmers, enthusiasts, professional aviators, and aspiring pilots to demonstrate the power of home flight simulation for training, proficiency, and fun!

## THE 2025 EVENT AT A GLANCE:

**Friday, June 27** is #FSExpoFriday, a series of product reveals, announcements, and updates from flight simulation's biggest developers. Afterward, all attendees are invited to an evening Welcome Reception. Note there is no exhibit hall access on Friday.



**Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29** feature an exhibit hall with interactive experiences that show off the latest in flight simulation. Two stages feature seminars, Q&As, and panel discussions on a variety of aviation topics. Additionally, free workshops provide hands-on opportunities from home cockpit building to 3D computer modeling.

### Friday, June 27

Product Reveals and Welcome Reception

8am-1pm	Optional Morning Activities
1-5:30pm	#FSExpoFriday Seminars
5:30-6:30pm	Attendee Welcome Reception SPONSORED BY:  FeelThere
7-9pm	FlightSimExpo Banquet

### Saturday, June 28

Exhibit Hall, Workshops, and Seminars

8:30-9:30am	Morning Coffee and Tea SPONSORED BY:  SayIntentions.AI
9am-6pm	Exhibit Hall Access
9am-6pm	Workshops
9am-6pm	Seminars

### Sunday, June 29

Exhibit Hall, Workshops, and Seminars

8:30-9:30am	Morning Coffee and Tea SPONSORED BY:  SayIntentions.AI
9am-3pm	Exhibit Hall Access
9am-3pm	Workshops
9am-3pm	Seminars

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## Updating X-Plane Scenery

By Bob Sturm, VP of Scenery

### What is different about airport scenery for X-Plane Version 1.x?



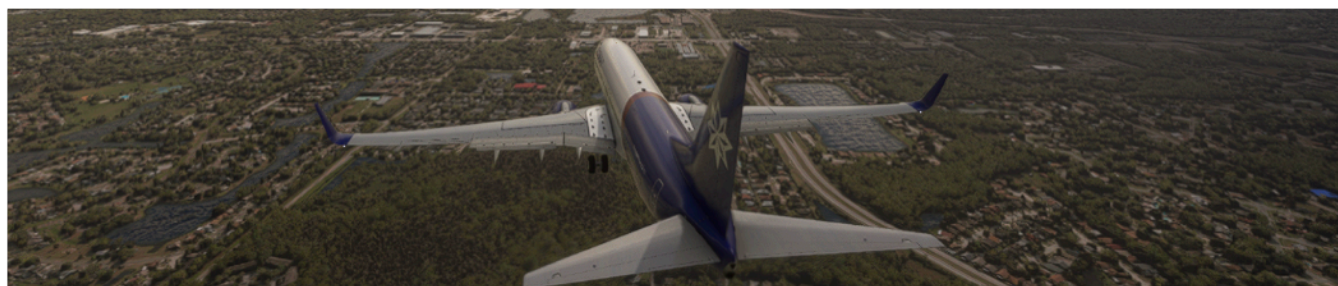
I recently began revising the XP12 airport scenery for WestWind Hubs. The reason for this revision is that Laminar Research made updates to two areas affecting scenery. First, was the ability for operation of dual moving jetways. Up until this latest revision, only one jetway could connect to an aircraft. Now, if the aircraft has 2 forward doors, both jetways will connect to their respective door. If the aircraft has only one forward door, then only one jetway will connect.

Default airports will automatically be updated, but the custom airports, like our hubs, have to be manually modified (see image 2, below). Be aware that the door locations must already be coded in the .acf, file.

I recently purchase the Flight Factor A350-900 and discovered that the second forward door was not coded. I had to open the .acf file using Plane Maker and enter the correct door location.

The second change made in this latest revision of X-Plane, is additional "Resources" in the default scenery director. There are some new and revised "objects" (hangars, trees, vehicles, etc).

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## Updating X-Plane Scenery (Cont)

Here is a brief list of a few of the many new resources provided for scenery designers to enhance the airport scenery:

Many new variations of pavements (shading, cracks, new, old for both concrete and asphalt).

New style of lines (dirt paths, paved paths, double tracks for straddling the taxiway centerline, shoulder edging, etc)

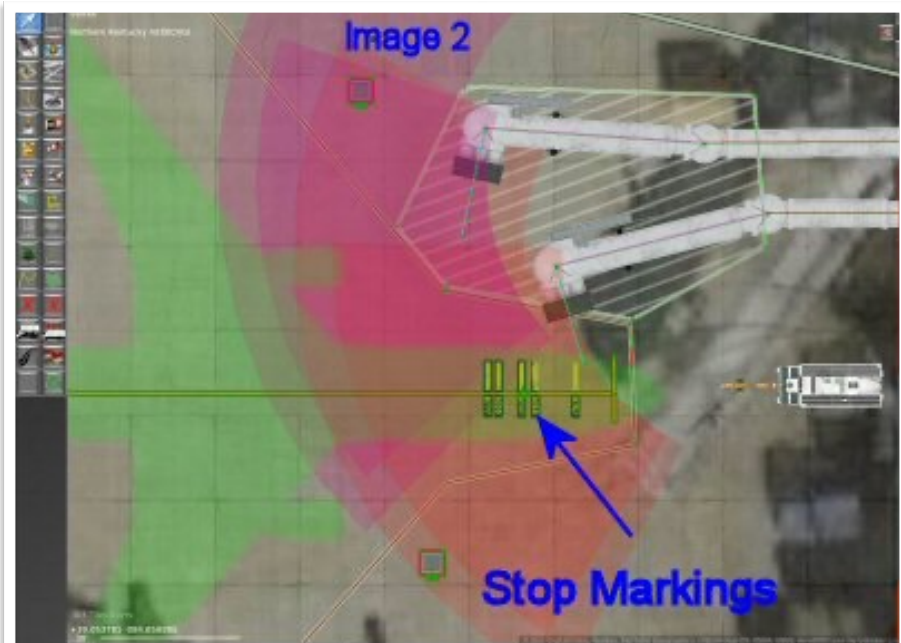
Custom markings like labeled parking spot lines (B737, A320, B747, MD80, etc.)

These are just a few examples of what is now available. Everything here is provided for the scenery designer to enhance the scenery. In other words "eye candy".



Of course Laminar Research made revisions to others areas not specific to scenery such as cloud and lighting enhancements as well as some bug fixes.

In addition to incorporating some of these enhancement into WestWind Hub Scenery, I am also making corrections, improvements and updates to older scenery using the latest airport charts from Navigraph. These may include adding or eliminating taxiways and correcting taxiway signs. Whatever it takes to make our hub airports as realistic as possible.





# ***In the Real World - Aviation News***

## **Pan Am Is Back For A Limited Time Only**

Pan Am is back this summer with a luxurious, private jet expedition for the ages.

In June 2024, we were first told about the exciting revival of Pan Am's legacy with a luxury private jet journey. With the expedition set to take flight next month, the details for the journey are now finalized. And, if you're worried that you may have missed out on this opportunity, there's good news! At the time of this writing, some spots are still available—for a pretty penny (more on that below).

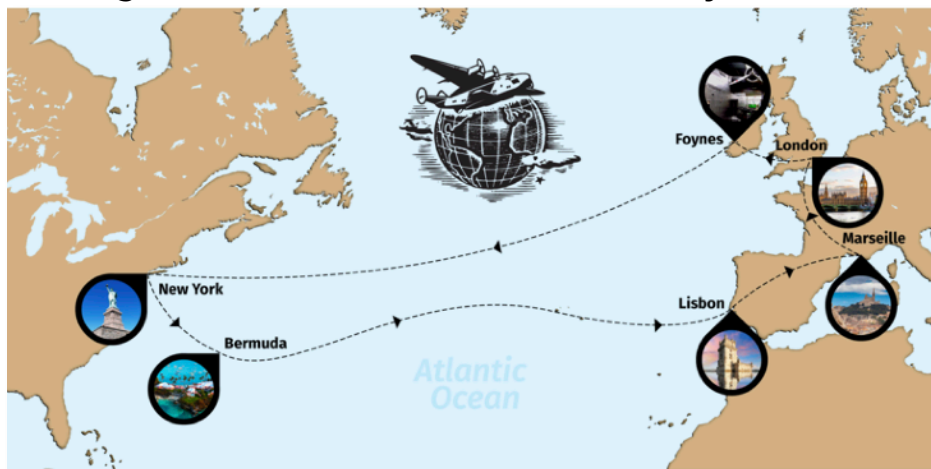


Travelers will have a chance to fly on board a luxury Pan Am-themed Boeing 757-200 this summer!

This officially licensed Pan Am Brands experience, organized by Criterion Travel in Beaverton, Oregon, in collaboration with U.K.-based luxury travel company Bartelings, Pan American World Airways, and the Pan Am Museum Foundation, promises to transport participants back to the golden age of air travel.

With its iconic blue and white "Blue Meatball" logo symbolizing a bygone era of elegance and class, Pan Am's spirit comes alive in this 12-day adventure.

### **"Tracing the Transatlantic": A Historic Itinerary**



"Retracing the Atlantic" will follow Pan Am's historic Southern Route

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Set for 16-28 June 2025, this incredible journey recreates Pan Am's transatlantic services that launched in June 1939.

Pan Am's "flying boats" operated a Northern Route (New York to London via Newfoundland) and a Southern Route (New York to Marseilles, France via Bermuda, the Azores, and Lisbon, Portugal). The itinerary honors the airline's historic Southern Route, starting and ending at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)—Pan Am's primary hub and home to the landmark Worldport terminal. Destinations include:

- Bermuda
- Lisbon, Portugal
- Marseille, France
- London, England
- Foynes and Shannon, Ireland: A nod to the Northern Route's stop in Foynes, with a visit to the Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, home to the world's only full-size replica of a Boeing 314 Yankee Clipper.
- New York: Begin and end the journey at JFK.



According to organizers, most flight segments range from one to 5.5 hours. As a private jet operation, passengers will enjoy access to private terminals for easy customs, security, and immigration processes.

### **The Aircraft: Modern Luxury Signifies Pan Am Is Back For Guests**

The journey takes place aboard a privately chartered Boeing 757-200, configured with 50 lie-flat, business-class seats in a 2-2 layout. "Buddy" seats are scattered throughout the cabin to encourage dining and socializing, echoing the convivial atmosphere of Pan Am's golden era.

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The onboard experience is designed to replicate Pan Am's legendary service. It features upscale catering, an open bar, and the legendary airline's unmistakable branding on everything from glassware to swag.



Passengers will enjoy Pan Am's iconic service on board a private Boeing 757

The expedition is limited to 50 (incredibly) lucky passengers. With just 50 people on board an aircraft designed to hold up to 239 passengers, this will guarantee a high-touch, personalized experience that oozes nostalgia while prioritizing comfort.



The Boeing 757-200 will feature 50 business-class seats in a 2-2 configuration

## **Pan Am Is Back: Guided by a Pan Am Fan**

Craig Carter, CEO of Pan American World Airways and owner of Pan Am Brands, will host the trip, bringing Pan Am's history to life. Tasked with keeping the airline's spirit alive, Carter will share insights into Pan Am's remarkable past, its place in today's aviation landscape, and plans for the brand's future.

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He emphasizes the journey's goal: to let travelers "revel in the glamor and nostalgia of our efforts to honor Pan Am's legacy, with high-end service, stays at top hotels, fascinating destinations, reminisces of Pan Am's glory days, and iconic Pan Am design, logos, and identity popping up throughout."



Pan Am Boeing 747 N739PA, "Clipper Morning Light," being towed in the early 1970s. Later renamed "Clipper Maid of the Seas," this aircraft tragically operated Flight 103

Carter also hints at more themed adventures, including an exclusive around-the-world private jet trip planned for Pan Am's 100th anniversary in 2027.

### **A Complete Luxury Experience**

Such a grand adventure does not come without an exorbitant price tag. At \$59,950 per person for double occupancy or \$65,500 for single occupancy, the cost covers 12 nights in deluxe hotels, all meals, guided excursions, gratuities, onboard bar service, and exclusive Pan Am-branded swag.



The Pan American Worldport Terminal at Idlewild/JFK in 1963

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Travelers will stay at top-tier properties and enjoy curated experiences, such as the Foynes museum visit, highlighting Pan Am's contributions to aviation. Every nostalgic detail is meant to hearken back to the golden age of travel, highlighting Pan Am's iconic aesthetic and commitment to class and elegance.

### **They Don't Make Them Like Pan Am Anymore**

Founded in 1927 by Juan T. Trippe as Pan American Airways, Pan Am began as a scheduled airmail and passenger service between Key West, Florida, and Havana, Cuba.

Trippe's vision transformed it into an aviation empire, operating as the unofficial U.S. flag carrier through much of the 20th

century. Pan Am was a pioneer of firsts: the first airline to fly transatlantic, transpacific, and worldwide routes, the first to operate the Boeing 707, the first to fly the 747, and the first to introduce computerized reservation systems.

Its early fleet of Boeing 314 flying boats, designed for water landings before long runways were standard, epitomized luxury and innovation.



"Dixie Clipper" completes its inaugural transatlantic flight, landing in Lisbon, Portugal, on 29 June 1939

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At its peak, Pan Am's fleet of 226 aircraft served 87 cities across every continent except Antarctica. However, challenges for the storied carrier began in the mid-1970s. Struggles continued throughout the 1980s, including the 1988 Lockerbie bombing of Flight 103, culminating in its bankruptcy in 1991 and, ultimately, its collapse on 4 December 1991.

Today, the Pan Am Museum Foundation and Pan Am Brands keep its legacy alive, and this journey is a testament to their efforts.

### **Celebrate the Airline that Defined an Era**



Pan Am is a brand that represents a still unmatched standard of quality and elegance in the skies.

This journey is more than a luxury trip—it's a chance to connect with Pan Am's transformative impact on the industry. From pioneering global routes to setting service standards, Pan Am laid the foundation for modern air travel. "Tracing the Transatlantic" offers a rare opportunity to

experience that legacy firsthand, with high-end service and historic destinations that resonate deeply with those who know the industry's inner workings.

We are excited (and a little bit jealous) of the 50 lucky people who will experience this beautiful tribute to Pan Am's enduring legacy, bringing the elegance of the "Blue Meatball" back to the skies.

For those who live and breathe aviation, this experience is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to step into history while celebrating the airline that defined an era.





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## PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS



### Pilot Promotions - April

Timothy Essex WWA3209 - Sr. Command Captain +12  
 James Melton WWA3281 - Command Captain  
 Nicholas Olsen WWA3606 - Category IV

### Recognition Awards - April

Brian Mills WWA1108 - 20 Years of Service  
 Travis Iversen WWA1111 - 20 Years of Service  
 Vincent Simmons WWA3477 - 10 Years of Service



### WestWind Leadership Team

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