International Trip Planning: Going on Your Own

Mission Planning

Upon Receiving Trip Request:

- > Airport approval
- Choose / contact handler with trip details
 - Confirm any special events / airport restrictions
 - Confirm parking location
 - o Get a step by step Customs procedure
- ➤ Review NOTAMS for dept/arr / potential alt airports
- Crew / Pax passports & visas valid
- FAA / State Dept / Health Dept warnings and airspace restrictions
- Preliminary flight plans using historical winds

Upon Trip Setup:

- > Forward General Declaration to handler
- Confirm aircraft parking
- Landing permit, if required (confirm validity window)
- Arrival/Departure slots confirmed with ID and slot validity
- > Overflight permit(s), if required

Pre-Flight Confirmations

24 Hours Prior to Flight:

- Review Weather /Turbulence for departure, arrival, alternates (including emergency)
- Review departure, arrival, alternate (including emergency), FIR NOTAMs
- ➤ Check MEL/CDL that could affect routing
- Any ATC considerations at dept/enroute/arr,. Any changes from Mission Planning
- > Build route for flight plan, & calculate flight plan using CFP
 - o Find suitable enroute emergency alternates (ETOPS, ETPs)
- Contact handler to obtain handling agent details (name/email/mobile phone #)
- > Fuel release / billing method confirmed
- Forward applicable items to crew to review

Day of Trip:

- Review Weather /Turbulence for departure, arrival, alternates (including emergency)
- ➤ Review departure, arrival, alternate (including emergency), FIR NOTAMs
- ➤ Generate/file master flight plan (in house) or review flight plan (filed by ISP)
 - o Confirm appropriate items listed in Item 18
- ➤ US / destination country APIS complete
- Compare Master FPL ETA against obtained slot time and slot validity
- ➤ Arrival Crew / Pax ground transportation is confirmed
- Crew hotel early/late check in confirmed (if applicable)
- > Forward international trip package to crew for review & brief

En Route

- Notify handling agent of ETA
- Notify interested parties of ETA
- Monitor enroute weather / NOTAMs for all applicable airports
- Make changes as needed for safety of flight and advise crew as necessary
- Obtain parking stand number
- Verify ground transportation is on location

Post Flight

- Record flight logs
- > Review deviations from filed flight plan with crew
- Receive handling/airport feedback from flight crew

Cancellations

- ➤ Note cancellation in company documentation (if required)
- ➤ Notify Handler and inquire about expected charges to be billed (if any)
- ➤ Cancel local Customs and Border Patrol clearance, if arranged
- ➤ Notify flight crew and maintenance
- > Cancel contract flight crew