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This ebook covers the world's top ten airports, the ten largest airports of 2005 in terms of passenger numbers.

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Atlanta Hartsfield (ATL/KATL)

General info: Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is the largest airport in the world in terms of passenger numbers and aircraft movements, handling almost 90 million passengers and one million aircraft movements in 2005. The majority of the passengers depart and arrive on domestic services; Atlanta is a major hub for flight connections.

Airport layout: Terminals North and South and Concourses T, A, B, C, D and E.

Runway layout: 08L/26R 9000ft; 08R/26L 10,000ft; 09L/27R 12,000ft; 09R/27L 9000ft; Runway 10/28 (9000ft, south of 09R/26L) to be opened in May 2006.



Spotting: Atlanta offers some excellent photo opportunities from within the concourses. On the landside the best options are:

- A - From the roof of the south park building. Good overview of runways 09L/27R and 09R/27L and part of the concourses. As it's facing south, the best time for taking pictures is in the afternoons.
- B - Probably the best spot of all is the Renaissance hotel in the northern part of the airport. The rooms with balconies look out over runways 08L/26R and 08R/26L and the concourses.
- C - Another possible spot is from near the southern cargo apron.

ATL is the main hub of Delta Air Lines, Song and AirTran Airways.

Passenger Airlines

Aeromexico
Air Canada
Air France
Air Jamaica
AirTran Airways
America West
American Airlines
Atlantic Southeast Airlines
British Airways
Comair
Continental Airlines
Continental Express
Corporate Express
Delta Airlines
Frontier Airline
Hooters Air
JetBlue
KLM
Korean Air
Lufthansa
Midwest
Northwest Airlines
Northwest AirlinK (Mesaba Airlines)
Pan Am
South African Airways
United Airlines
US Airways

Cargo Airlines

Airborne Express
Air New Zealand
BankAir
BAX Global
British Airways
Cathay Pacific
China Airlines
DHL
EVA Air Caro
Japan Airlines
FedEx
Kittyhawk
Korean Air
Lufthansa
Martinair
Mountain Air
Polar Air
Qantas
United Parcel Service

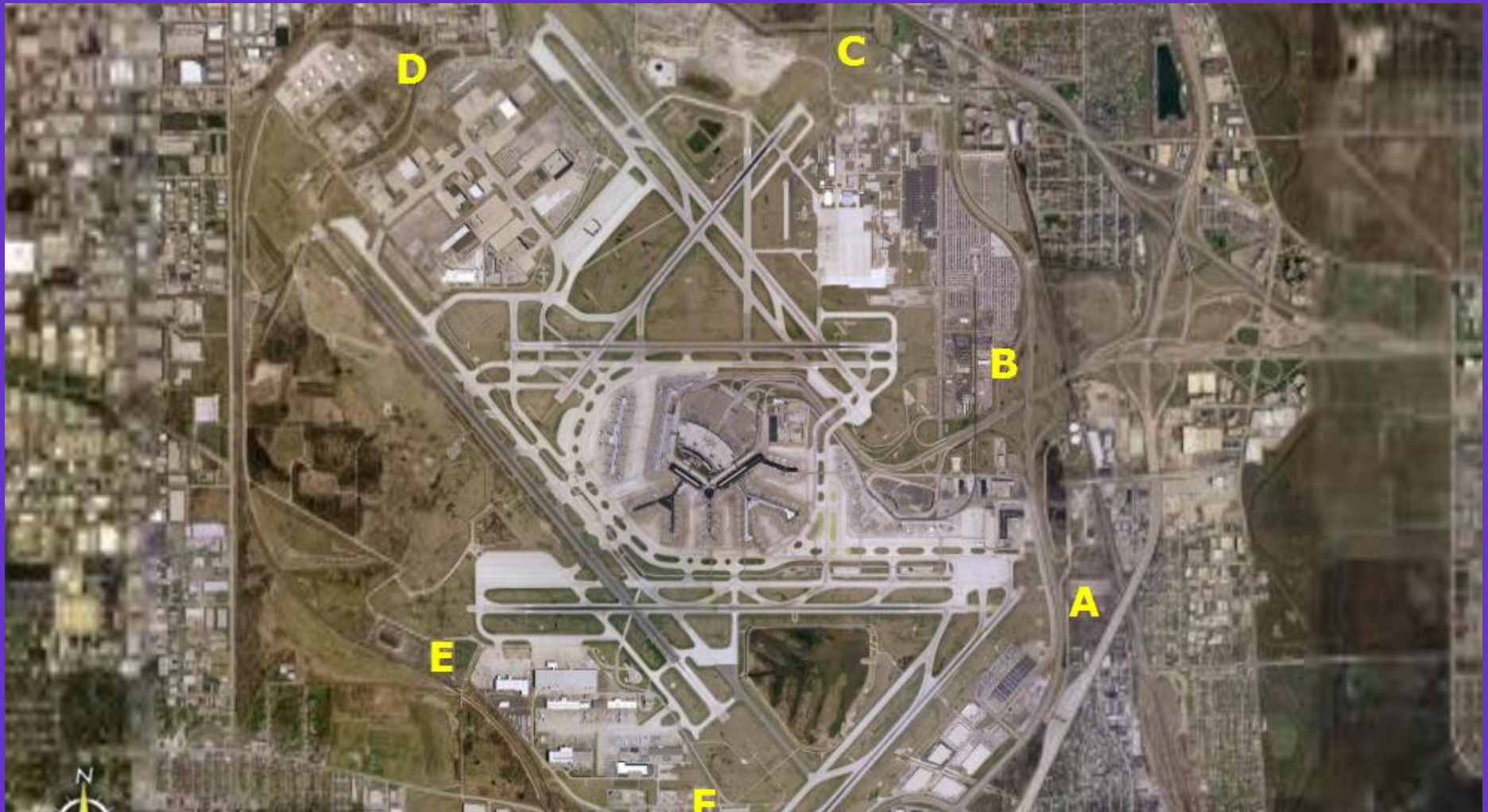
Website: www.atlanta-airport.com

Chicago O'Hare (ORD/KORD)

General info: Chicago O'Hare ranks second on the list of the world's busiest airports in terms of passenger numbers.

Airport layout: Four terminals (1, 2, 3 and 5); Concourses B, C, E, F, G, H, K, L, M.

Runway layout: Six runways; 04L/22R 7500ft; 04R/22L 8000ft; 09L/27R 8000ft; 09R/27L 10,000ft; 14L/32R 10,000ft; 14R/22L 13,000ft.





Spotting: There are six spots around ORD which are suitable for spotting and photographing. The following directions are coming from Chicago.

A - Rwy 27L. Exit the I-294 towards the terminals. Turn onto the South Mannheim Road and drive along the Airborne Express cargo area. You will then see three buildings of the Chicago Aeronautical Board, where you can park your car.

B - Rwy 27R. From the I-294, take any exit leading to the many hotels in the area. Park near one or at the McDonald's and check the arrival path of aircraft approaching 27R.

C - Rwy 22R. Take the exit off I-294 onto the Oasis. There is a Mobil station and a McDonald's there.

D - Rwy 14L & 14R. Take the exit off I-294 onto Irving Park Road, which takes you along the southern perimeter of the airport. Then take the North York Road along the western perimeter. Pass the UPS cargo area and head towards Bensenville. If Rwy 14L is used, drive on till reaching the Lufthansa/FedEx/UPS/Emery cargo area.

E - Rwy 09R. Same directions as spot D.

F - Rwy 04R and 32L. Near the American Airlines cargo buildings.

ORD is the largest hub of United Airlines and the second largest hub of American Airlines, after Dallas-Fort Worth.

Passenger Airlines

Aer Lingus
 Aeromexico
 Air Canada
 Air France
 Air India
 Air Jamaica
 Alaska Airlines
 Alitalia
 All Nippon Airways
 America West
 American Airlines
 American Eagle
 Asiana Airlines
 BMI British Midland
 British Airways
 Cayman Airlines
 Continental Airlines
 Continental Express: ExpressJet Airlines
 Delta Airlines
 Delta Connection: Comair

Cargo Airlines

Aeromexpress
 Air China
 Atlas Air
 China Airlines
 Emery Worldwide
 Federal Express
 Gemini Air Cargo
 Kalitta Air
 Martinair
 Northwest Airlines
 Nippon Cargo Airlines
 Polar Air
 Taron Cargo
 United Parcel Service
 Airborne Express
 Alitalia Cargo
 Lufthansa Cargo
 Cathay Pacific Cargo
 British Airways World Cargo
 EVA Cargo

El Al Israeli Airlines
Iberia
Japan Airlines
KLM
Korean Air
Kuwait Airways
LOT Polish Airlines
Lufthansa
Mexicana
Northwest Airlines
Pakistan Airlines
Royal Jordanian
Ryan International
SAS Scandinavian Airlines
Singapore Airlines
Spirit Airlines
Sun Country
Swiss Air Lines
TACA
Ted (United Airlines)
Turkish Airlines
United Airlines: Air Wisconsin
United Express: Chautauqua Airlines
United Express: GoJet Airlines
United Express: Mesa Airlines
United Express: Shuttle America
United Express: SkyWest
United Express: Trans States Airlines
USA 3000
US Airways
US Airways Express: MidAtlantic Airways
US Airways Express: Republic Airlines

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Korean Air Cargo
Ryan International
DHL
Singapore Airlines Cargo

Website: www.ohare.com

London Heathrow (LHR/EGLL)

General info: Although Heathrow is the world's third busiest airport in passenger numbers, after Atlanta Hartsfield and Chicago O'Hare, it is the busiest international airport.

Airport layout: Four terminals (1, 2, 3 and 4) and Terminal 5 being constructed, due to open in 2008.

Runway layout: 05/23 5500ft (1700m, not operational); 09L/27R 13,000ft (3900m); 09R/27L 12,000ft (3600m).



Bellview Airlines
Biman Bangladesh
BMI British Midland
British Airways
British Mediterranean Airways
BWIA
Cathay Pacific
China Eastern Airlines
Croatia Airlines
CSA Czech Airlines
Cyprus Airways
Egyptair
El Al Israeli Airlines
Emirates
Etihad Airways
Ethiopian
EVA Air
Finnair
GB Airways
GB Airways
Gulf Air
Helios Airways
Iberia
Icelandair
Iran Air
Japan Airlines
JAT Airways
Jet Airways
Kenya Airways
Kibris Turk Hava Yollari
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines
Korean Air
Kuwait Airways
Libyan Arab Airlines
LOT Polish Airlines
Lufthansa
Luxair
Malaysia Airlines

Malev
MEA
Olympic Airways
Pakistan Airlines
Pulkovo Airlines
Qantas
Qatar Airways
Royal Air Maroc
Royal Brunei Airlines
Royal Jordanian
SAS Scandinavian Airlines
Saudi Arabian Airlines
Singapore Airlines
SN Brussels Airlines
South African Airways
SriLankan Airways
Sun D'Or
Swiss Air Lines
Syrian Arab Airlines
TAP Portugal
Taron
Thai Airways
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Turkmenistan Airlines
United Airlines
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VARIG
Virgin Atlantic
Yemenia

Website: www.heathrowairport.com

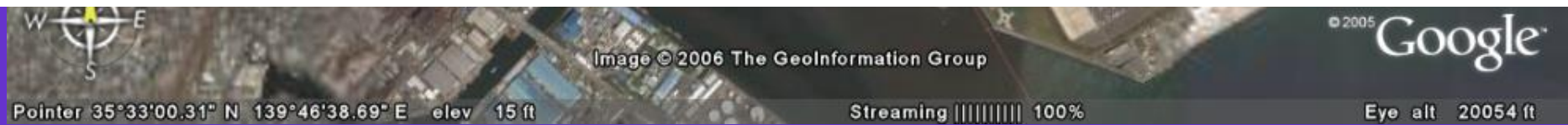
Tokyo Haneda (HND/RJTT)

General info: Haneda is Japan's busiest airport and handles practically all domestic traffic to and from Tokyo.

Airport layout: There are three terminals. One and Two are used for domestic flights, mainly by Japan Airlines and All Nippon Airways respectively. The third terminal is the international terminal, which is mainly used for charter flights to and from South Korea.

Runway layout: 04/22 8000ft (2500m); 16L/34R 10,000ft (3000m); 16R/34L 10,000ft (3000m).





Spotting: Although the number of airlines operating here is limited, Haneda is one of the spotter-friendliest major airports in the world. Both domestic terminals have large observation decks. Terminal One's faces Runway 16R/34L while Terminal Two's faces 16L/34R.

- A: As Terminal One is located on the west side of the airport, the best pictures here can be taken during the morning hours.
- B: The sun will be behind you in the afternoon, so that's the best time to take pictures from Terminal Two.
- C: It is also possible to get pictures from the roofs of the Terminal One and Two's car park buildings, although you'll need a longer lens.
- D: Another spot is along the taxiways just south of the domestic terminals. You can reach this spot easily on foot.

Passenger Airlines

Air Do (Hokkaido International)
 Air Nippon
 Air Nippon Network
 ANA All Nippon Airways
 Asiana Airlines
 Japan Airlines
 Japan Transocean Airlines
 JAL Express
 Korean Air
 Skymark Airlines
 Skynet Asia Airlines
 StarFlyer

Cargo Airlines

Website: www.tokyo-airport-bldg.co.jp/english

Los Angeles International (LAX/KLAX)

General info: Los Angeles International ranks fifth on the list of busiest airports in the world and is number one in terms of so-called "origin and destination" passengers, i.e. passengers not connecting to another flight. Most passenger traffic is handled by United Airlines, American Airlines and Southwest Airlines, while LAX is a secondary hub for Alaska Airlines.

Airport layout: LAX has nine terminal buildings, named 1 through 8 and Tom Bradley International Terminal, after the first black mayor of LA.

Runway layout: 06L/24R 9000ft (2700m); 06R/24L 10,300ft (3100m); 07L/25R 12,000ft (3600m); 07R/25L 11,000ft (3300m).



Spotting:

- A - The "Imperial Hill" (aka Clutter's Park) in El Segundo offers a view of nearly the entire southern part of the airport. The observation hill is located between Sepulveda Boulevard and Main Street, along Imperial Avenue.
- B - The Proud Wings restaurant is located under the approach path of Runways 25L and 25R. There are a few military aircraft on display here.
- C - There is also a good viewing spot just under the final approach of Runways 24L and 24R, near the In-N-Out Burger restaurant. This can be reached by turning left upon leaving the terminal area.

Passenger Airlines

Aer Lingus
Aero California
Aeroflot
Aerolitoral
Aeromexico
Air Canada
Air Canada Jazz
Air China
Air France
Air India
Air Jamaica
Air New Zealand
Air Pacific
Air Tahiti Nui
AirTran Airways
Alaska Airlines
American Airlines
American Eagle
America West
America West Express: Mesa Airlines
ANA All Nippon Airways
Asiana Airlines
ATA Airlines
Aviacsa
Avianca
British Airways
Cathay Pacific
China Airlines
China Eastern Airlines
China Southern Airlines

Cargo Airlines

Allegiant

Continental Airlines
Continental Express: ExpressJet
COPA Airlines
Delta Air Lines
Delta Connection: SkyWest Airlines
El Al Israeli Airlines
EVA Air
Frontier Airlines
Hawaiian Airlines
Horizon Air
Japan Airlines
KLM
Korean Air
LAN
LTU
Lufthansa
Malaysia Airlines
Mexicana Airlines
Midwest Airlines
Northwest Airlines
Philippine Airlines
Qantas
Singapore Airlines
Song
Southwest Airlines
Spirit Airlines
Sun Country
Swiss Air Lines
TACA
Ted (by United)
Thai Airways
United Airlines
United Express: Air Wisconsin
United Express: SkyWest Airlines
US Airways
VARIG
Virgin Atlantic
WestJet

Website: www.lawa.org/lax

Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW/KDFW)

General info: DFW is the third busiest airport in the world in terms of passenger numbers. Its ground area is larger than the island of Manhattan, and it's the second largest airport in size in the US after Denver. DFW plays an important role in air connections with Middle and South America.

Airport layout: There are five terminals (A, B, C, D and E), of which A, C and E are on the east side of the airport and terminals B and D on the west side.

Runway layout: DFW has seven runways; 13L/31R 9000ft (2700m); 13R/31L 9300ft (2800m); 17L/35R 8500ft (2500m); 17C/35C, 11,400ft (3500m); 17R/35L 13,400ft (4000m); 18L/36R 13,400ft (4000m); 18R/36L 13,400ft (4000m).



Spotting: The two best location for spotting and photographing around DFW are in the south-eastern and north-western ends of the complex.

- A - Founder's Plaza has an elevated parking lot between Runways 35C and 35R. With a good lens you can get nice shots of aircraft approaching from the south, and also planes taxiing to and from 35R.
- B - This spot is located between the American Airlines hangars and the cargo centre. Follow the airport perimeter road to get there. You can walk right up to the fence and get shots of aircraft rolling out on 36L and 36R, and planes taxiing in and out from/to the cargo and maintenance aprons.

DFW is the main hub of American Airlines and American Eagle.

Passenger Airlines

Air Canada
Air Midwest
AirTran Airways
Alaska Airlines
American Airlines
American Eagle
America West
ATA Airlines
British Airways
Continental Airlines
Continental Express: ExpressJet
Delta Air Lines
Delta Connection: Atlantic Southeast Airlines
Delta Connection: Shuttle America
Frontier Airlines
Korean Air
Lufthansa
Mesa Airlines
Midwest Airlines
Northwest Airlines
Northwest AirlinK: Mesaba
Spirit Airlines
Sun Country
TACA
United Airlines
United Express: Shuttle America
United Express: SkyWest Airlines
US Airways
US Airways Express: Mesa Airlines
US Airways Express: MidAtlantic Airways
US Airways Express: PSA Airlines

Cargo Airlines

Air Transport International
AirTran Airways Cargo
Airborne Express
Air France Cargo
Alaska Airlines Cargo
Alpine Air Express
American Airlines Cargo
Ameriflight
ATA Cargo
British Airways World Cargo
Cargo TACA
Caribbean Transport Services
Cathay Pacific Cargo
China Airlines Cargo
China Cargo
Continental Airlines Cargo
Delta Air Lines Cargo
Emery Worldwide
Estafeta
EVA Air Cargo
FedEx
Frontier Cargo
JAL Cargo
Kitty Hawk
Korean Air Cargo
Lufthansa Cargo
Midwest Cargo
Northwest Cargo
Singapore Airlines Cargo
United Airlines Cargo
United Parcel Service
US Airways Cargo

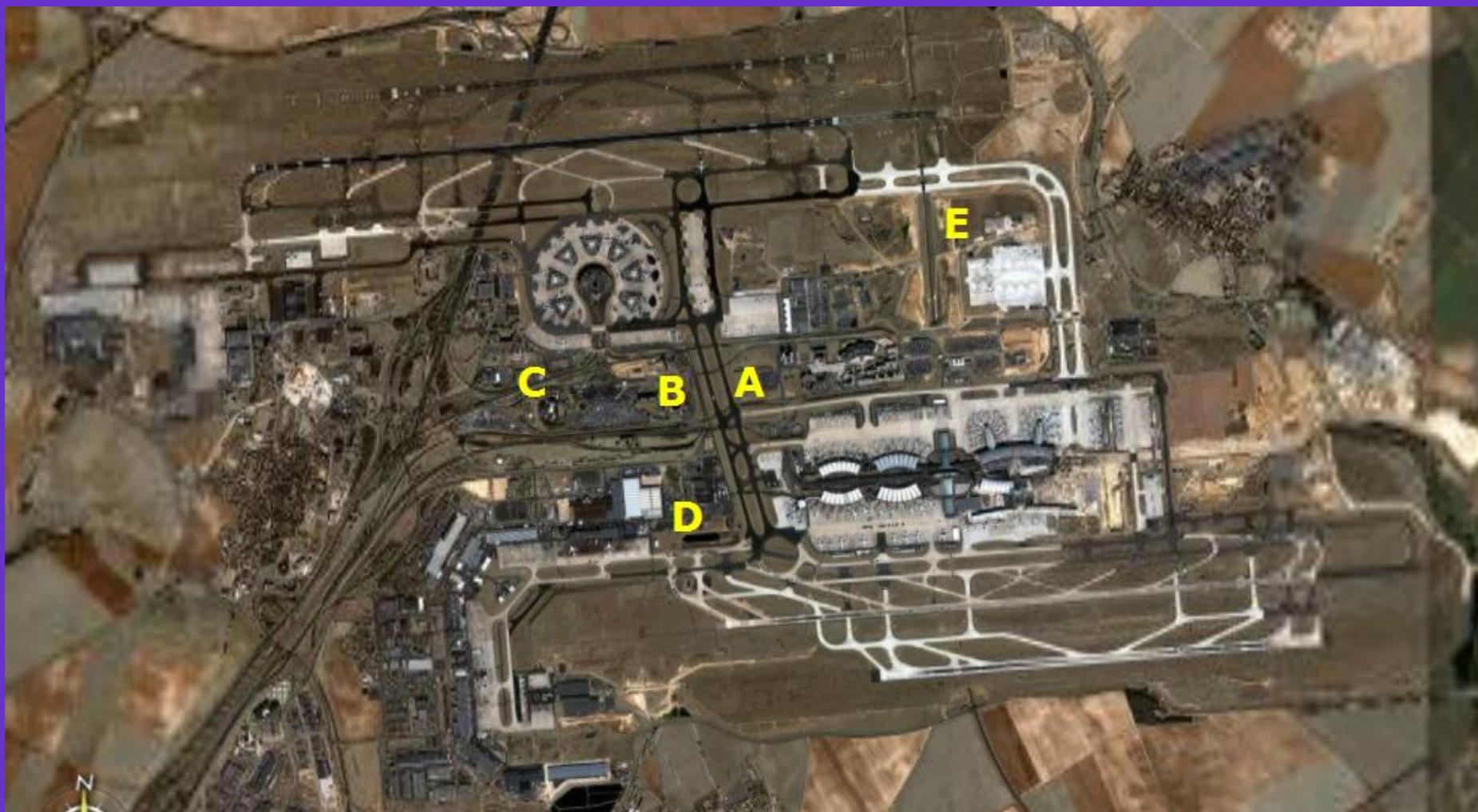
Website: www.dfwairport.com

Paris Roissy-Charles de Gaulle (CDG/LFPG)

General info: CDG is Paris's main airport and is located north of the city. It is Europe's second busiest airport in terms of passenger traffic, after London Heathrow and before Frankfurt. In terms of aircraft movements and cargo however it is Europe's busiest. Due to France's colonial history in Africa, a large number of African airlines have Charles de Gaulle airport in their network.

Airport layout: CDG has three main terminals, named 1, 2 and 3, but Terminal 2 is divided into six separate concourses (A thru F).

Runway layout: 08L/26R 13,800ft (4200m); 08R/26L 9000ft (2700m); 09L/27R 9000ft (2700m); 09R/27L 13,800ft (4200m).





Spotting: CDG offers good opportunities to spot along taxiways and aprons. Due to France's former colonial ties with Africa, Paris receives a wide variety and an interesting mix of African carriers. Spotting opportunities along the runways are not very good, as the distances between the places you can stand and the actual runways are considerable.

- A - This spot is located near the train station and the Hilton hotel. Very close to the taxiway and, as it is facing west, the best time of day to take pictures is in the morning. A bit north of here you can also take pictures of aircraft parked on the charter/low-cost ramp.
- B - There is a motorway bridge here from where you can take pictures that are nearly as good as from spot A. This is the place to stand during the afternoon.
- C - This spot gives an overview of the southern apron of Terminal 1.
- D - Good spot for photographing cargo aircraft. Look for the Air France bus garage to get here.
- E - This spot is ok for taxiing and landing aircraft, but it's a bit far from the action; you'll need a long lens to take good pictures.

CDG is the base of Air France, Axis Airways, Blueline, Star Airlines and Aeropostal.

Passenger Airlines

Adria Airways
 Aegean Aviation
 Aer Lingus
 Aeroflight
 Aeroflot
 Aerolineas Argentinas
 Aeromexico
 Aeropostal
 Afriqiyah Airways
 Aigle Azur
 Air Algerie
 Air Austral
 Air Cairo
 Air Canada
 Air China
 Air Europa
 Air France
 Air Gabon
 Air Horizons
 Air India
 Air Madagascar

Cargo Airlines

Air Malta
Air Mauretanie
Air Mauritius
Air Mediterranee
Air Memphis
Air Moldova
Air Nostrum
Air Plus Comet
Air Senegal International
Air Seychelles
Air Tahiti Nui
Air Togo
Air Transat
Airzena Georgian Airlines
Alitalia
AMC Aviation
American Airlines
ANA All Nippon Airways
Arkia Airlines
Armavia
Armenian International Airways
Austrian Airlines
Axis Airways
Azal Azerbaijan
Azzurra
Belavia
Blue1
Blueline
BMI British Midland
Bmibaby
Brit Air
British Airways
Bulgaria Air
Cameroon Airlines
Cathay Pacific
China Eastern Airlines
China Southern Airlines
Cirrus Airlines

CityJet
Continental Airlines
CSA Czech Airlines
Cubana
Croatia Airlines
Cyprus Airways
Delta Air Lines
Eagle Airlines
EasyJet
El Al Israeli Airlines
Emirates
Estonian Air
Ethiopian Airlines
Eurocypria
Eurofly
European Air Charter
EVA Air
Excel Airways
Finnair
Fly Air
Flybe
Freebird Airlines
Germanwings
GIR Jet
Gulf Air
Hamburg International
Hellas Jet
Hifly
Iberia
Iberworld
Icelandair
Ivoire Airways
Japan Airlines
JAT Airways
Jersey European Airways
Jet2.com
Karthago Airlines
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines

Korean Air
Kuwait Airways
Lithuanian Airlines
LOT Polish Airlines
Lotus Airlines
Lufthansa
Luxair
Luxor Airways
Maersk Air
Malaysia Airlines
Malev
Meridiana
Middle East Airlines
Northwest Airlines
Nouvelair
Olympic Airways
Onur Air
Pakistan Airlines
Pegasus Airlines
Portugalia Airlines
Pulkovo Aviation
Qatar Airways
Royal Air Maroc
SAS Scandinavian Airlines
Saudi Arabian Airlines
Singapore Airlines
SkyEurope
South African Airways
Spanair
SriLankan Airways
Star Airlines
STA Trans African
Styrian Spirit
Swiss Air Lines
TAAG
TACV
TAM
Tarom

Thai Airways
Thomsonfly.com
Tunisair
Turkish Airlines
Ukraine International
United Airlines
US Airways
Uzbekistan Airways
VARIG
Vietnam Airlines
Vueling Airlines
Yemenia

Website: www.aeroportsdeparis.fr

Frankfurt Rhein-Main (FRA/EDDF)

General info: Frankfurt is the financial heart of Europe. Its airport almost shares a second position as Europe's busiest airport with Charles de Gaulle, trailing just behind CDG in terms of passenger numbers, aircraft movements and cargo. Frankfurt is preparing to accommodate a fleet of Airbus A380's, as Lufthansa has placed the second largest order for this double-decker aircraft after Emirates.

Airport layout: There are two terminals. Terminal 1 houses Concourses A, B and C while Terminal 2 has Concourses D and E.

Runway layout: 07L/25R, 07R/25L and 18/36; all runways are 13,000ft (4000m) long.



Spotting: It seems to be a must for any respectable airline to have FRA in its network, and the list of companies flying to this airport is considerable. FRA is a great place to spot a wide array of airliners from Eastern Europe and the CIS countries (the former Soviet Union.)

- A - The observation deck on the roof Terminal 1 offers a great overview of the T1 apron and both main runways. You'll see all arrivals on 25L and 25R and also the aircraft taxiing from Terminal 2 to Runway 18. Please note that the terrace is closed (temporarily?) for some construction work.
- B - Spot B is good to photograph aircraft approaching Runway 07L or 07R. To get here turn left from the terminals onto the road that leads along the airport perimeter and the Lufthansa cargo buildings. Then turn left, which will get you along the 07L and 07R thresholds.
- C - Following the same road, and just before entering the tunnel leading underneath Runway 18/36, there is a spot from where good

pictures are possible of aircraft taking off from Rwy 18.

- D - This is the Recreation Area near the former US Air Base. From the terminal turn right and follow the direction of the A5 to Basel. Then take the exit for Cargo Sud. Once off the motorway, turn around and cross the motorway, then turn left following the signs for Recreation Area. Park your car there and cross the pedestrian bridge over the motorway.

FRA is the main hub of Lufthansa. Undercapacity at FRA is one of the reasons that Lufthansa has a secondary hub at Munich.

Passenger Airlines

Adria Airways

Aegean Airlines

Aer Lingus

Aeroflight

Aeroflot

Aeroflot Don

Air Adriatic

Air Algerie

Air Astana

Air Baltic

Air Berlin

Air Bosna

Air Canada

Air China

Air Dolomiti

Air France

Air India

Air Malta

Air Mauritius

Air Memphis

Air Moldova

Air Namibia

Air One

Air Seychelles

Air Transat

Air Via

Alitalia

Albanian Airlines

AMC

American Airlines

ANA All Nippon Airways

Cargo Airlines

Ariana Afghan Airlines
Arkia Airlines
Asiana Airlines
Atlasjet
Austrian Airlines
Austrian Arrows
Belavia
Biman Bangladesh
Blue Panorama
Blue Wings
British Airways
Bulgaria Air
Bulgarian Air Charter
Cathay Pacific
China Airlines
Cimber Air
Cirrus Airlines
Condor
Continental Airlines
Corendon Airlines
Corsair
Croatia Airlines
CSA Czech Airlines
Cyprus Airways
Delta Air Lines
DBA
Dnieproavia
East Line
Egyptair
El Al Israeli Airlines
Emirates
Enkor Airways
Eritrean
Estonian Air
Ethiopian Airlines
Etihad Airways
Eurowings
Finnair

Fly Air
Freebird Airlines
Futura Airlines
Georgian Airways
Gulf Air
Hamburg Airlines
Hapagfly
Iberia
Icelandair
Inter Airlines
Iran Air
Japan Airlines
JAT Airways
Karthago Airlines
Kibris Turk Hava Yollari
KLM
Korean Air
Kras Air
Kuban Airlines
Kuwait Airways
Kyrgyzstan Airlines
LAN
Libyan Arab Airlines
Lithuanian Airlines
LOT Polish Airlines
LTU
Lufthansa
Luxair
Luxor Air
Maersk Air
Malaysia Airlines
Malev
Meridiana
MEA Middle East Airlines
Montenegro
Northwest Airlines
Nouvelair
Olympic Airlines

Omskavia
Onur Air
Pakistan Airlines
Pegasus Airlines
PGA Portugalia Airlines
Pulkovo Aviation
Qantas
Qatar Airways
Royal Air Maroc
Royal Brunei Airlines
Royal Jordanian
Saravia
SAS Scandinavian Airlines
SATA
Saudi Arabian Airlines
Sibaviatrans
Siberia Airlines
Singapore Airlines
Sky Airlines
South African Airways
Spanair
SriLankan Airways
SunExpress
Swiss Air Lines
Syrian Arab Airlines
TAP Portugal
Tarom
Thai Airways
Thomas Cook
Transaero
Tuninter
Tunisair
Turkish Airlines
Turkmenistan Airlines
Ukraine Interational
United Airlines
US Airways
Uzbekistan Airways

VARIG
Vietnam Airlines
Yemenia

Website: www.frankfurt-airport.de

Amsterdam Schiphol (AMS/EHAM)

General info: Amsterdam Schiphol Airport is the fourth largest airport in terms of passenger traffic in Europe. It has been repeatedly voted as one of the best airports in the world. Despite its size it still has only one terminal, which is praised by some as it makes it easier to connect between flights, but at the same time means long distances to cover between gates. On the landside there is Schiphol Plaza, a large shopping area accessible to everyone where some shops are open 24/7. Here you will find car rental desks, bus stops and the underground railway station. At 11 feet, or 3 metres below sea level, AMS is the lowest commercial airport in the world.

Airport layout: AMS is unique as a major airport because it has just one terminal, although it is divided into three sections. There are seven piers (B, C, D, E, F, G and H.) The letter A hasn't been used because E in Dutch sounds similar to A in English.

Runway layout: The runways all have names: 18C/36C (Zwanenburgbaan) of 10,900ft (3300m); 18L/36R (Aalsmeerbaan) of 11,200ft (3400m); 06/24 (Kaagbaan) of 11,500ft (3500m); 09/27 (Buitenveldertbaan) of 11,400ft (3470m). The satellite image is outdated as there is another runway now, the 18R/36L (Polderbaan) of 12,500ft (3800m), to the northwest of the Zwanenburgbaan. I have drawn it in myself. This runway isn't too popular with pilots and passengers alike though, as it takes about 15 minutes to taxi there from the terminal. The short runway in the eastern part of the airport, the 04/22 (Oostbaan), which is 6600ft (2000m) long, is used for general aviation, although traffic congestion and high landing fees minimise the number of GA aircraft using AMS. Most GA traffic which used to be based at AMS moved to Lelystad airport.



Spotting: Schiphol offers very good spotting facilities. There are two official spotting sites along the runways and many other spots where you're allowed to stand and take pictures. If you don't have a car, you can reach many spots around the airport with bus line 191, which circumnavigates Schiphol. Directions are given starting from Schiphol Plaza.

- A - Schiphol's large observation deck offers views of piers C, D, E, F and part of G, as well as Runways 09/27, 18L/36R and the threshold of 24. It can be reached via stairs and elevators between departure halls 1 and 2 and from departure hall 3. Opening hours of the observation deck are 09.00-17.00 in winter and 07.00 to 20.00 in summer. Afternoons are best for photography.
- B - Bridge for the taxiway leading from the terminal area to Runways 18C/36C and 18R/36L.
- C - Cargo apron.
- D - Finals Runway 06. You can get here by taking the A4 motorway toward Den Haag. Take the first exit (Hoofddorp/Aalsmeer) and

turn right. You can also take the peripheral road southbound toward P30. At the end hereof turn left.

- E - One of the official spotting spots. Large parking area with a not so high fence. Planes either touch down or rotate near this point. Best conditions for photographing during the morning. Follow the directions for spot D, and turn left into the next road. Drive down this road until reaching the spotting location on your left.
- F - A bit further up the road from spot E, this spot offers a good overview of the Martinair cargo area. Aircraft taxiing from the cargo terminal to the runways get really close here.
- G - Near the threshold of runway 18L/36R. Good for pictures during the afternoon. From spot F, just follow the road along the airport perimeter.
- H - Same as spot G, but for pictures during the mornings.
- I - Schiphol-Oost. Here you have an overview of the maintenance & general aviation aprons. The Dutch police have some aircraft based here, as well as the Dutch Dakota Association.
- J - Another official spotting spot, overlooking Runway 09/27 near a McDonald's restaurant. This runway isn't used very often though and the sun is always against you as you're facing south.
- K - The apron at pier G and the new low-cost pier H. This spot can be reached on foot by turning right coming out of Schiphol Plaza and following the road.
- L - Final approach of Runway 18C. To get here, get onto the A4 to Den Haag and take the exit Hoofddorp/Aalsmeer. Turn left to Hoofddorp and follow the road until seeing a sign for "Boesingheliede"; turn right here. Follow this road until reaching Runway 18C's threshold.
- M - This is where the taxiway to/from Rwy 18R/36L crosses the main road via a bridge. You pass here on your way to spot L.
- N - There is a bicycle path all along Rwy 18L/36R, so you can stand wherever you want. Best photos here during the afternoons. To get here, follow the directions for spots L and M but do not turn right onto the road leading there. Instead go straight in Hoofddorp until reaching a crossing with a firestation. Turn right here, and right again at the second intersection. This will take you straight to the runway.
- O - The eastern side of Rwy 18L/36R for taking pictures during the mornings. Be careful not to walk onto the private farmland. To reach this spot you have to follow the directions for spots L and M and continue up the road till the next intersection. Then turn left, drive till the next road on your left and turn into that road.

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Arkefly
Arkia Airlines
Armavia
Armenian Airlines
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Austrian Airlines
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British Airways
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China Airlines
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Croatia Airlines
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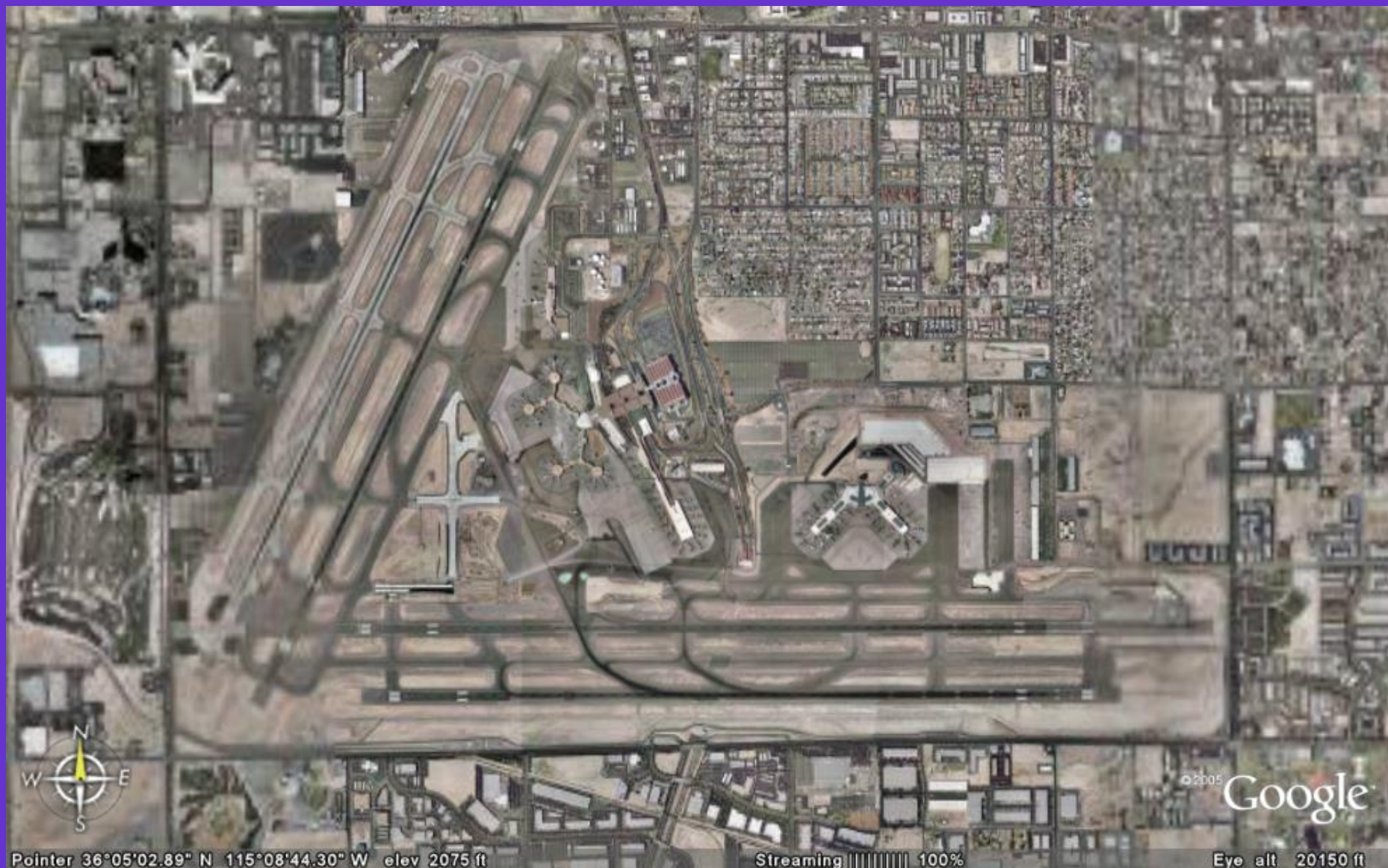
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Las Vegas McCarran (LAS/KLAS)

General info: McCarran, located right next to the famous Strip, is one of the busiest US airports. The spirit of gambling in Las Vegas is also present at its main airport; there are more than 1300 slot machines throughout the terminal buildings. There is a museum dedicated to Las Vegas aviation history, the Howard W. Cannon Aviation Museum on Level 2 of the Esplanade, above the baggage reclaim area. It's open 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

Airport layout: McCarran has two passenger terminals (1 and 2), of which the first has four concourses (A, B, C and D).

Runway layout: 01L/19R 9000ft (2700m); 01R/19L 10,000ft (3000m); 07L/25R 14,500ft (4300m); 07R/25L 10,500 (3200m).



Spotting: There are roads all around the airport perimeter and you could basically park anywhere, as long as it's not a no-parking zone and you don't obstruct any other traffic of course. The best spot however is on the eastern side, along the fence near the thresholds of Rwy 25L and 25R.

Las Vegas is the main hub of America West Airlines (which now operates as US Airways). But Southwest Airlines has most flights and carries most passengers in and out of LAS.

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