

US Tour Louisiana L2



GA TUESDAY

The Pilot Club

"Our Place, Your Pace"

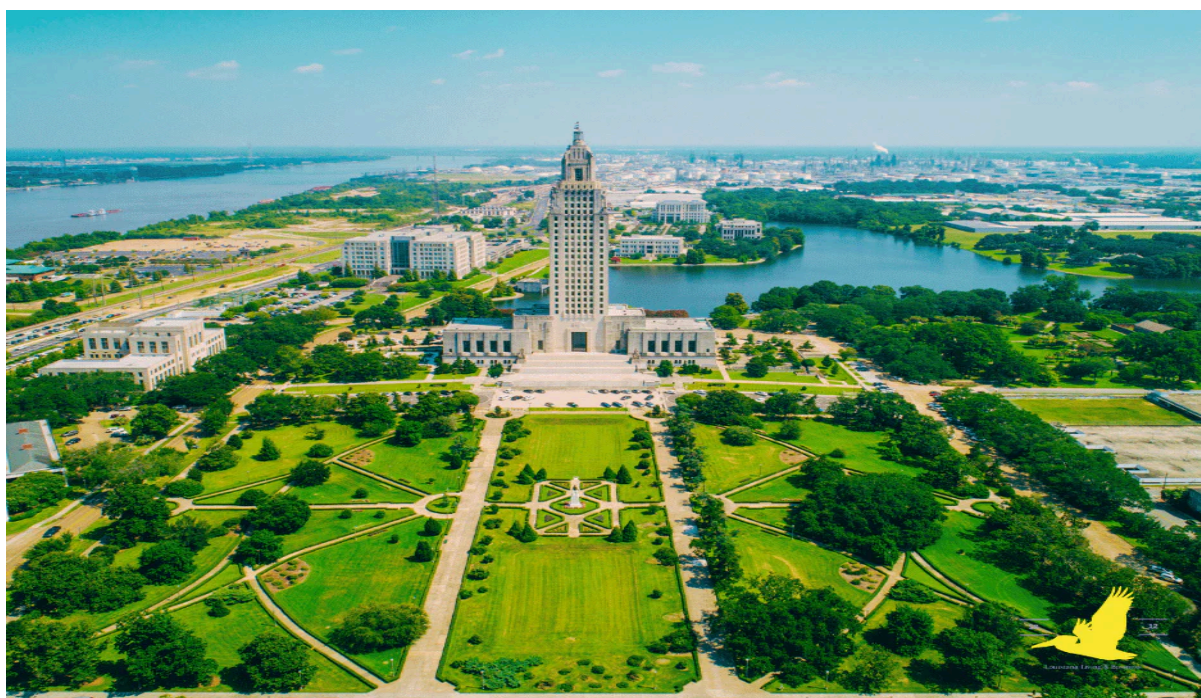
05/12/2026

Time: 8pm EST (0000z)

Flight Style - Direct

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- **Suggested aircraft:** Choose a single or twin-engine plane capable of 100-150 kts.
- **Weather settings:** Adjust to your preference, though many opt for live weather with the time rolled back a few hours.
- **For GPS navigation:** Consider using moving map apps like ForeFlight, FltPlan Go, or Garmin Pilot.
- Don't forget to take photos and share them with our community on Discord.

Suggested add-ons & charts

1. Houston Sectional //

FSX/P3d	X-Plane	MSFS 2020/24	Primary Scenery
Land's End SeaPlanes Part IV (Includes Lake Charles) Baton Rouge Buildings	Default for KLCH, KLFT Baton Rouge (2021)	Lake Charles Regional (2020 only)	

Secondary sceneries and utilities for MSFS

Flight-specific sceneries

- [New Orleans USA](#)
- [Baton Rouge LA](#)

General

- [We Love VFR - Region 2](#)
- [Global AI Ship Traffic For MSFS: GAIST Ultra Version 6](#)
- [MSFS Addons Linker](#)
- [Scenery Map from Flightsim](#)

Flight plan

The flight plan provided here is a basic copy-and-paste version for a general overview of the route. For the detailed and actual plan, please refer to the Standard Briefing section.

KLCH KLFT KBTR

Alternative IFR flight plan

Should the weather conditions not be favorable for visual flight, here's an alternate IFR route that you can file with VATSIM. Ensure to plan for a cruising altitude of **3-5,000 ft.**

KLCH LCH V70 LFT V70 LSU KBTR

Flight simmers looking to sharpen your skills, use the briefing section and your electronic flight bag (EFB) to thoroughly visualize the route. Embrace the challenge of VFR flying by avoiding over-reliance on automated navigation - don't be "Children of the Magenta." It's crucial for the pilot to fully grasp the nuances of the flight plan and the specific regulations governing different airspaces before execution.

Treat your charts as a valuable tool for reference and understanding, rather than as a mere dependency. This approach will enhance your practical navigation skills and deepen your overall aviation knowledge.

Use the dynamic charts that are made available in [SkyVector](#) to see sectional, TAC, FLY, and other specialized charts for the area.



Home of the Fighting Tigers

Standard briefing

Lake Charles departure

Depart **Lake Charles Regional (KLCH)** and head south (165) for 10 nautical miles to reach Sweet Lake. Continue eastbound (098) for 16 nautical miles to get to Lake Misere. From there, head northeast (048) for 14 nautical miles to reach the TOWN of Lake Arthur. Head slightly northbound (039) for 8 nautical miles to reach the neighborhood of Mermantau. Follow Highway 90 eastbound till you reach the town of Crowley.

At that point follow **I-10** eastbound to arrive in Lafayette and attempt a touch-and-go at **Lafayette Regional (KLFT)**. Now, head northeast (059) for 12 nautical miles to reach the small town of Henderson. At this point follow I-10 (keeping it on your left) northeast for 19 nautical miles, till you pass Rosedale. Continue following I-10 for 11 nautical miles till you reach the start of Baton Rouge. Finally head north (027) for 5 nautical miles to arrive at **Baton Rouge Metro Airport (KBTR)**.

Skyvector Route

KLCH 295739N0931031W 295514N0925147W 300426N0923956W 301036N0923409W
301034N0922637W 301233N0922119W KLFT 301834N0914713W 302436N0912608W
302615N0911213W KBTR

Weather

Within the standard briefing, it's essential to keep track of weather conditions. Consider the following reports:

Adverse conditions

Convective
[Convective SIGMETs](#)

(WST)
[Convective Watches](#)
(WW)
[Graphical AIRMETs](#)

Synopsis

Weather charts
[Surface Analysis](#)

[Daily US Weather Map](#)

Current conditions

[METARs](#)

[NWS RADAR Site](#)

[PIREPS](#)

[SATELLITE](#)

En route forecast

[Graphical Forecast for](#)

[Aviation \(GFA\) Tool](#)

[Prognostic chart](#)

[Generate soundings and other Model analyses and forecasts](#)

Destination forecast

[TAFs](#)

Wind and temps aloft (FB)

[By region](#)

Aviation notices

[Special Use Airspace](#)

[NOTAM Search](#)

[Notices to Airmen](#)

ATC delays

[National Airspace System Status](#) (FSS Command Center)

PIREPs

[Creating a PIREP](#)

[Easy form for submitting](#)

[PIREPs](#)

A bit of realism

Our goal is to incorporate real-world parameters into the VFR flights. Please ensure you read and understand the procedures before your flight. If you have any questions or comments, reach out to the Flight Ops team or use the Discord thread (#gat-events) dedicated to this event.

United States Regulations

1. Read [§ 91.113 – Right-of-way rules: Except water operations](#)
2. Read [§ 91.119 – Minimum safe altitudes: General](#)
3. Read [§ 91.127 – Operating on or in the vicinity of an airport in Class E airspace](#)
4. Read [§ 91.129 – Operations in Class D airspace](#)
5. Read [§ 91.130 – Operations in Class C airspace](#)
6. Read [§ 91.131 – Operations in Class B airspace](#)
7. Read [§ 91.133 – Restricted and prohibited areas](#)
8. Read [§ 91.151 – Fuel requirements for flight in VFR conditions](#)
9. Read [§ 91.159 – VFR cruising altitude or flight level](#)
10. Read [§ 91.179 – IFR cruising altitude or flight level](#)
11. Read [§ 91.211 – Supplemental oxygen](#)
12. Read [§ 91.215 – ATC transponder and altitude reporting equipment and use](#)
13. Read [AIM 7-5-6 – Flights Over Charted U.S. Wildlife Refuges, Parks, and Forest Service Areas](#)
14. Read [Special Flight Rules Area \(SFRA\)](#)

Restricted airspace

- Lake Charles TSRA
- Lafayette Class Charlie
- Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge
- Baton Rouge Class Charlie

MOA NAME	ALTITUDE ¹	TIME OF USE	CONTROLLING AGENCY / CONTACT FACILITY
A-381	Up to 2000ft	Sunrise to Sunset	Houston ARTCC

Airport information

Spend a little time getting to know the airport, including the runway layouts and other details. Much of this information is available on Skyvector's website. You'll find links to the specific pages for each airport there.

Departure

Name	ICAO	CTAF TWR	Elevation ²	Runways	Parking
Lake Charles Regional Airport	KLCH NOTAM	120.7 120.7	14 ft	5/23, 15/33	GA Ramp

Lake Charles Regional Airport (KLCH) began as a civilian airfield in the 1940s before becoming Lake Charles Army Air Field during World War II, where thousands of pilots trained for combat missions. After the war it returned to civilian use and grew into a major Gulf Coast aviation hub closely tied to Louisiana's oil, petrochemical, and offshore helicopter industries.

Touch and go

Name	ICAO	CTAF TWR	Elevation ³	Runways
Lafayette Regional/Paul Fournet Field Airport	KLFT NOTAM	118.5 118.5	40 ft	4R/22L, 11/29

Lafayette Regional Airport (KLFT) opened in 1930 and became strategically important during World War II when the military used it for pilot training and Gulf Coast defense operations. In later decades, the airport became deeply connected to Louisiana's offshore oil industry, serving as a major base for helicopter and business aviation supporting rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

¹ Altitudes indicate floor of MOA. All MOAs extend to but not include FL 180 unless otherwise indicated in tabulation or on chart.

² All elevations are indicated as feet mean sea level.

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Arrival

Name	ICAO	CTAF TWR	Elevation ¹	Runways	Parking
Baton Rouge Metro/Ryan Field Airport	KBTR NOTAM	118.45 118.45	69 ft	17/35, 07/25	East GA Ramp E2

Finally, **Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (KBTR)** was one of the first regional airports in the South to expand specifically for the jet age, adding longer runways in the 1960s to accommodate Boeing 727 and DC-9 service. The airport is also uniquely positioned between Louisiana's capital and its massive petrochemical corridor, making it a major hub for corporate aviation tied to the energy industry.

VATSIM

One of the goals during the flight is to have air traffic control support from real people through the VATSIM network. Register for a free account at vatsim.net and complete the new member orientation in order to join the network.



When filing a flight plan with VATSIM make sure to add the following remarks to help support the club and increase our presence on the network.

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/RMK WEB=THEPILOTCLUB.ORG CS=PILOT CLUB=TPC
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Model matching

Whenever you encounter another pilot while flying on VATSIM, the VATSIM client looks through all the model information it found during the start-up scan, and picks the best match. If no match can be found, it will display the aircraft using your **default model**.

The client will choose a default model for you, but if you want to use a different default model, you can change it by entering a different model title in the Default Model text box on the Model Matching tab in the Settings window.

- [General Aviation vPilot VMR file](#)
- [TPC Liveries Package + vPilot VMR file v.4](#)
- [Helicopter \(general\) vPilot VMR file v.1 + instructions](#)

TIP: If you are not using custom model matching in FS2020 and flying GA: In vPilot change default model matching to this: **Generic Piston Single Engine Asobo 01**

General Aviation Tuesday

The purpose of this event is to get pilot's away from simply inputting waypoints and airports into their navigation system. We try to get you to read the sectional chart by following along with the text briefing. There are a couple of event formats:

1. **Cross-fire** - This format puts pilots on the same path, but each group starts out on the opposite end of the route.
2. **Real world fly-ins** - This format is our attempt to replicate real world events. It's the pilot's choice how they get to the destination.
3. **Direct** - This format is our normal routing with optional touch-and-goes. We all start around the same place and end up at the same airport.
4. **Regional tour** - This format is a series of flights where we create multiple legs in order to achieve a flight in a specific region. It follows a direct format as well.
5. **Landmark** - This format gives pilots the opportunity to have their own route at the start of the flight. Then they transition into the set route given in the briefing. Taking a 360 around the sight of the week, then heading to destination.

Additional flights

Every **first Tuesday** of the month we will embark on touring the United States one state at a time. The goal is to visit the capital and/or famous landmarks of each state. Every **third Tuesday** of the month we will explore our world with a regional tour. This tour typically lasts for the rest of the year.

If you're interested in more general aviation flights the club also hosts a BUSH WEDNESDAY group flight on the **fourth Wednesday** of each month.

Flight Operations Team

- Jake, TPC897 *SUNDAY-FUNDAY*
- Dylan, TPC76 *GROUND CREW*
- Dylan, TPC1496 *BUSH / STOL, FLY-IN THURSDAY*
- Magnus, TPC91 *FRIDAY NIGHT OPS*
- Jacob, TPC117 *FLIGHT OPS TEAM LEAD*
- VACANT *CHALLENGE FLIGHTS*
- Andrew, TPC51 *GENERAL AVIATION*
- Yu, TPC5884 *DISCOVERY FLIGHT*

For more information about this organization visit thepilotclub.org. There is also good information on the [Standard Operating Procedures](#) page. We also have a very active Discord server.

References

Links

General

1. <https://chat.openai.com>
2. <https://my.vatsim.net/pilots/aip>
3. https://www.thepilotclub.org/resources#model_matching

United States

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