



PTFF-33 – “Imperial Airways Flight - Christmas 1925”

Imperial Airways was formed in the UK on 31 March 1924 and was the precursor of the current British Airways. The launch of the airline prompted a requirement for air route surveys in the British Empire.

From 16 November 1925 to 13 March 1926, Alan Cobham flew an Imperial Airways route survey from Croydon, UK to Cape Town in South Africa in a DE Havilland DH50J – a single-engine biplane capable of 112mph, a ceiling of 14,600 feet and a range of 330nm.

Suggested Aircraft:

Pilots may fly any aircraft of their choice. A modern single engine aircraft would be appropriate.

Flight Schedule:

1. London Heathrow (EGLL) to Paris Charles de Gaulle (LFPG) – 188nm.
2. Marseille/Provence (LFML) – 352nm
3. Pisa San Giusto (LIRP) – 226nm.
4. Taranto Grottaglie (LIBG) – 365nm.
5. Athens Eleftherios Venezelos Intl (LGAV) – 341nm.
6. AS Sallum (FS9 – HEØJ/FSX - HE19) – 394nm.
7. Cairo Intl (HECA) – 326nm.
8. Luxor Intl (HELX) – 275nm.
9. Aswan Intl (HESN) – 103nm.
10. Wadi Halfa (HSSW) – 148nm.
11. Atbara (HSAT) – 284nm.
12. Khartoum (HSSS) – 154nm.
13. Malakal (HSSM) – 366nm.
14. Juba (HSSJ) – 281nm.
15. Kisumu (HKKI) – 352nm.
16. Tabora (HTTB) – 320nm.
17. Mbala (FLBA) – 244nm.
18. Ndola (FLND) – 294nm.
19. Livingstone (FLLI) – 333nm.
20. Bulawayo J M Nkomo (FVBU) – 207nm
21. Pretoria Wanderboom (FAWB) – 339nm.
22. Johannesburg Intl (FAJS) – 29nm.
23. Kimberly (FAKM) – 249nm.
24. Bloemfontein Intl (FABL) – 83nm.
25. Cape Town Intl (FACT) – 490nm.

NOTAMS:

Total flight distance 6,743nm.

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