



FF-209 Southern Air Transport (SAT)



Southern Air Transport (SAT) was a cargo airline founded in 1947, incorporated in Florida in 1949, and based in Miami. It is most notable for its dual legacy: first, as a covert "proprietary" airline secretly owned and operated by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) from 1960 to 1973 to support global operations, and later, for its direct role in the 1980s Iran-Contra affair, where it transported weapons.

Following its CIA era, SAT operated as a significant cargo carrier into the 1990s, securing major military contracts like Logair and Quicktrans, and conducting extensive humanitarian relief flights in Africa. The company ceased operations in 1998, with many of its assets used to start a new airline named Southern Air.

Suggested Aircraft

Douglas DC-6

Douglas DC-8

Lockheed L-100-30 (C130)

Boeing 707

Boeing 747

Flight Schedule

The original flightplan is split into 7 flights (legs):

1. KMIA (Miami) to MZBZ (Belize City) – 668 nm – 3 hours 25 minutes
2. MZBZ (Belize City) to MGGT (Guatemala City) – 219 nm – 60 minutes
3. KMIA (Miami) to MSLP (El Salvador) – 892 nm – 200 minutes
4. MSLP (El Salvador) to MHTG (Honduras) – 114 nm – 40 minutes
5. KMIA (Miami) to MROC (San José) – 976 nm – 230 minutes
6. MROC (San José) to MNMG (Managua) – 173 nm – 30 minutes
7. MNMG (Managua) to KMIA (Miami) – 886 nm – 175 minutes

NOTAMS:

Total distance: 3927 nautical miles

Total flight time: 15 hours 15 min

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