

DC4 EAST COAST FLYER 1940

USA-CARIBBEAN-BRAZIL-ARGENTINA.

In the 1940's, PANAM merged with W.R.Grace Airways to form Pan American Grace Airways (PANAGRA) The founder and CEO of PANAM, Juan Trippe, came to an agreement with PANAGRA that PANAM would service the East Coast of S.America and this included the Caribbean and that PANAGRA would service the West Coast of South America.

Due to a shortage of Aircraft, DC3 Airways have been chartered to assist PANAM with DC4 Flights down the East Coast of South America. Departure will be from Miami's Opa Locka Terminal which was the main Airport at that point in time.

A timetable from that era has been found and is included. We will be flying Flt 201 to Puerto Rico, then Trinidad, then Belem-Recife-Rio de Janeiro-Porto Alegre in Brazil and finally to Buenos Aires in Argentina which took four days to complete.

On these long flights, many lifelong friendships were made and the occasional Romance also developed along the way. The Hotels en-route catered for the passengers and crews in those days, but after the introduction of Jets on non-stop Flights from USA to Argentina, many went out of business.

RECOMMENDED DC4 SPECIFICATIONS

USE YOUR KNEEBOARD,

- Climb out Speed, of the DC4 is 135-155 Knots at 500 fpm.
- Cruising Speed is 185 Knots. (TAS)
- Cruising Altitude is between 5,000-9,500ft max as the DC4 is unpressurised.
- Climb and Descent Rate should not exceed 500 fpm fully laden with PAX and Fuel. This is to prevent one's ear's "Popping" because of rapid pressure changes.
- Landing Speed is 95-110 Knots, depending on weight.

NOTAM's

For short periods, the maximum Altitude may be increased to 12,500ft and the Crew must then wear Oxygen Masks. Passengers are monitored by the Cabin Staff for any signs of discomfort.

Due to space limitations on the Flight Description pages, it is necessary to use a few Acronyms

ASP = After Station Passage. OBR = Outbound Radial (VOR or NDB) ALS = Approach Light System. Occasionally PRESS B and D Keys to reset the Barometer and Directional Gyro.

We trust that you will enjoy the Flights.

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