

VFR-GA Group Flights - Guidelines For Pilots:

Reasons for guidelines: We want everyone to have fun but we also make no excuses for the primary purpose of our group flights; that being to raise funds for the project. This comes from viewer donations during live YouTube streams. Those viewers are the people we aim to entertain with our group flights, in the hope they might donate to the project. This means we do not want the group to fragment or appear totally disorganised, even if we are 😊 We need to maintain the best structure we can during the flight, while also having as much fun as possible, and this is a fine balance.

Please read all the information supplied to you as a participating pilot, including the 'Events page' on the Simwings website, the 'groupflight-resources' section on the Simwings Discord and any emails sent to you prior to the flight.

Please download, install and **TEST** any required files **prior** to the flight. This may include addon scenery, aircraft liveries or other mods.

Please ensure you can fly and operate the nominated aircraft to a reasonable standard.

Please use the aircraft specified for this flight if one is stipulated in the supplied info. If for some reason you cannot, then please obtain prior agreement before the flight. Aspects of the flight might depend on using a specific aircraft, such as cruise altitude, speed or climb rate etc.

Please stay at your assigned gate, ramp or parking until your correct 'off block' time unless asked to do so by group flight leaders. Aircraft moving around a restricted apron makes an organised assembly and departure almost impossible.

Please be sure to set a PTT (*push-to-talk*) button for transmitting audio on Discord.

Please do NOT use profanities on the air. The flight is likely being streamed on multiple YouTube channels.

Notes For Simwings VFR-GA Group Flights:-

- Pre-registration required via the website (see notes below).
- Aircraft type is usually single or twin engine light aircraft (occasionally turbo-prop).
- Pilots are asked to fly the nominated aircraft with Simwings livery (supplied when available).
- Some routes are strictly VFR - following twists & turns of river valleys and small roads etc.
- Sections are often flown at low level, hugging the contours of hills and valleys.
- Flights usually last 3 – 3½ hrs including ground time but you may leave at any stage of the flight.

Why pre-register? Registered pilots receive:

- ✓ Early access to the full route for your GPS, giving you time to practice the flight.
- ✓ Pilot briefing document outlining the flight plan including maps.
- ✓ Full voice communication with all other registered pilots throughout the flight on Discord.
- ✓ Early access to the Simwings livery for the nominated aircraft.
- ✓ Any additional files required for scenery addons etc.

Thank you for your understanding and have fun on the flight 😊

Sincerely,

Simwings Support Staff