

BAHRAIN (BAH/OBBI)

Elevation 8ft

CATEGORY A/B/C

AV brief – not required

GENERAL

- Bahrain International Airport is the international airport of Bahrain. Located on Muharraq Island, adjacent to the capital Manama and the city Al Muharraq. The airport is managed by the Bahrain Airport Company.
- Pleasingly there is no income tax in Bahrain. Here comes the money!
- Whatever you do, do not photograph locals without their permission, it is an arrestable offense.
- Remember to steal bottles of water from the galley bar, Bahrain has the lowest supply of fresh water in the world.

Threats

Loss of Control

- Turbulence and windshear are fairly common and maybe severe which is not necessarily associated with Thunderstorms

ARRIVAL

Diversion Airports

DAMMAM	DMM/OEDF	047 nm/285°T	CAT A
DOHA	DOH/OTBD	079nm/140°T	CAT A
ABU DHABI	AUH/OMAA	245nm/117°T	CAT A
DUBAI	DUB/OMDB	263nm/104°T	CAT

Approach

- Very early descent into Bahrain airspace from Tehran control is regularly required. Standard clearance is FL180 by 20 miles before ALSER.
- Track shortening to MARWA or NAGAT is regularly issued by BAH approach, resulting in considerable reduction in track miles to touch down.
- When arriving from Iraq/Kuwait airspace, call ahead required 5 mins before LONOS, and expect early descent to be level FL 290 by LONOS, and 12,000' by KOBOK (or 30 miles before ELELO).

GROUND

- Taxi with caution. Numerous unlit ground obstacles close to taxiway. Unmarked taxiways. Rwy 12L/30R should be considered slippery when wet.
- Expect parking on Main Apron A.
- Turning area added at threshold Rwy 12L where all aircraft should carry out 180° turns.

DEPARTURE

- Outbound from BAH, control require best achievable level by the Tehran boundary (ROTOX). Often difficult to reach cruise level by that point due temperature/performance.

WEATHER

- Early morning fog/low stratus possible particularly during the winter.
- Occasional dust storms.
- Strong N'ly winds occur throughout the year.
- Thunderstorms can be very severe.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	BAS – Bahrain Airport Services
Handling Agent VHF	Speedbird Bahrain 131.15
Potable Water	Uplift Permitted

IF ONLY Electrical Power is required	Use ground power at all times
If BOTH electrical power and air conditioning is required:	Use APU