

ISLAMABAD (ISB/OPIS)

Elevation 1,761ft

CATEGORY B

AV brief not available.

GENERAL

- This is the new Islamabad airport which commenced operations in 2018 to replace the now defunct Benazir Bhutto International Airport
- The airport is located 11 nm west of the city and is one of the largest airports in Pakistan

Threats

CFIT

- Islamabad is located at the edge of the Pothohar Plateau. The Margalla Hills rise to the north of the city and the highest point is Tilla Charouni, 5,262 ft asl 23 nm NE
- Another significant spot elevation of ~3950 ft asl 16 nm N
- By 37 nm NE the terrain has reached over 7,000 ft asl and over 10,000 ft asl by 60 nm NE
- Published missed approach Rwy 28L/R takes the aircraft toward terrain to the south of the airfield and an TV mast 3,104 ft asl 6NM S. Ensure published altitudes are achieved before turning.

Runway Incursion

- Closely spaced parallel runways. Take care to ensure lined up on the correct runway, and if landing 10R/28L ensure that 10L/28R is not crossed without clearance when vacating

Runway Excursion

- Rwy 28L is 60m wide giving an unusual visual aspect

Mid Air Collision

- Qasim Airfield located 11 nm E and has a long runway oriented 14/32
- Light aircraft traffic may be operating below the final approaches. Descent below 3,700 ft should be avoided until beyond the FAF

Special Considerations

- Driftdown and depressurisation procedures for operations to and from Islamabad are detailed separately
- Temperatures in Islamabad are generally above ISA year-round and especially in summer. See 'HOT AND HIGH' brief for further information regarding High Density Altitude Airfield operations.

ARRIVAL

Diversion Airports

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| LAHORE | LHE/OPLA | 145 nm/146°T | CAT A |
| DUBAI | DXB/OMDB | 1039 nm/246°T | CAT A |
| BAHRAIN | BAH/OBBI | 1233 nm/255°T | CAT A |
| MUSCAT | MCT/OOMS | 970 nm/236°T | CAT A |

Others that may be used include Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai

- Some STARs (BOBAM 1J, BELKO 1C, DAMTO 1D, INDEK 1A and KALMI 1A) are 'RNP arrivals' and require RNP1. Ensure that the correct RNP value is inserted in PROG p4/4 and confirm acceptable ANP if these arrivals are used

Approach

- Track shortening is possible for arrivals to Rwy 28L/R. Be aware of MSAs and energy management.
- RNP 1 is required for the transitions to the ILS approaches. Ensure correct RNP value inserted in PROG 4/4 and ANP sufficient.

GROUND

- Standard taxi routes detailed in Jeppesen 20-1P2

DEPARTURE

- Summer temperatures can be performance limiting, especially for northbound departures

WEATHER

- Heavy Cb activity May – Aug with low pressure of the SW Monsoon affecting the area
- Some early morning fog during July
- Strong N to NW'ly winds in excess of 40 kt possible from Feb to June
- Strong E to SE'ly winds in excess of 40 kt possible from Jul to Sep

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

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| Handling Agent | Shaheen Airport Services |
| Handling Agent VHF | |
| Potable Water | Uplift not permitted |

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