

Tips for Accessing

AIRPORTS ACROSS CHINA

Having problems securing slots at Hong Kong International Airport? What about navigating double rotation restrictions at Chinese airports? Or, maybe there's no overnight parking available at your chosen destination... You are not alone. These are common pain points operators experience at Asian airports where capacity issues and restrictions are the norm. UAS' China team gives its top tips for easier operations to Chinese airports.



Schedule Management **VS.** Slot Availability

Airport slots are a major issue in many Chinese airports where high demand means they are often at maximum capacity every hour. The dense traffic flow often results in the non-availability of slots for operators. This occurs mainly during peak hours or hours of reduced traffic for noise restriction. But, business aviation clients require flexibility and operators are often misled with false promises based on their expectations.



Solution

Do Your Airport **Research**

To avoid disruption to your schedule and any planning uncertainty, you must first understand the intricacies of each airport. Get to know the peak times, seasons, the specific noise restrictions, etc. so you can make the best choices to balance your schedule with slot availability.

UAS China are expert in the unique dynamics of every airport. Our team's local knowledge and regional experience mean we can realistically predict your chances of success. We provide a usable slot suggestion and give you a clear idea of how realistic an improvement is. We can help you avoid the blind booking of slots and hassle of adjusting the aircraft schedule at short notice, facing crew limitations, and disappointing clients at the last minute. This is how we optimize our clients' schedules despite existing limitations and peak times.

Differing Slot **Validity**

As a slot is an assigned timeframe to use the runway for take-off or landing, it will always come with a time limit. The validity is the given time window during which the operator can freely operate – but this differs hugely between individual airports. Slot validity can range from ± 2 hours till ± 15 minutes depending on the airport.



Solution

Know Your **Limitation**

Becoming aware of your slot limitation and optimizing the schedule accordingly can negate any wastage and ensure you don't violate the airport rules. It's also helpful to fully understand the difference type of slots – for example, runway slots vs. off-block slots.

UAS China can help you make the most use of your time and provide flexibility by using your slot validity correctly and legally. Our local experts will help to understand the leeway for each trip. We will also recommend the best options and combinations of nearby airports with different slots validity, as well as any risks or limitations. Safety is the top priority, so compliance within the given limits is extremely important. Many airports have imposed penalties for slot misuse and mismanagement. In the same way, it is important to have an honest and clear guidance about flexibility and limitations to ensure a safe and legal operation and scheduling.

Pain Point

Operational Delays and Misuse Penalties

Operators can struggle to manage inevitable operational delays within their slot validity, and this can lead to heavy penalties being imposed by airport authorities. The misuse of slot bookings or the intentional violation of given slots are issues of huge importance to airports running at full capacity.



Solution

Effective Communication Channels

Airport authorities know that not every violation is intentional. In the event of an operational delay or unforeseen circumstance which may lead to a violation of a given slot time, it's important to contact the right authority. By having a partner who actively helps to manage such situations with the corresponding authorities at all involved stations, penalties can be avoided, and solutions can be found there and then.

Interacting with the right person is key for the effective ad-hoc management of any operational delay or unforeseen irregularity.

UAS China has great working relations with Chinese authorities and knows exactly what to do and how to help in critical situations to ensure you don't get penalized.

Pain Point

Increasing Air Traffic

The rapid growth of the Asian aviation sector is set to continue and gain greater momentum with recent forecasts predicting high growth rates well beyond 2020. However, aviation infrastructure cannot keep pace with the increasing air traffic. Often there are space limitations, like in the case of Hong Kong and Singapore, and no room for a new airport, or even a new runway. Even though places like Beijing are already busy developing additional airports and capacities, remote places will see a raise in traffic, and we can expect more slot and capacity issues.



Solution

Optimize Your Planning

Optimized trip planning requires the consideration of many factors as well as an in-depth experience of the regional airports involved.

UAS China constantly develops new solutions to manage client schedules in the most optimal way. We understand that with changing circumstances, restrictions, and limitations, a slot or parking issue is never a stand-alone problem.

Lack of Parking at Your Destination

Capacity limitations are the reality at many Asian airports, and double rotations are becoming a reality with huge impacts on the overall operating cost and flexibility and crew limitations for rest. Overnight parking is not allowed in many airports, and parking slots may be restricted to under two hours.



Solution

Explore Parking Alternatives

Explore alternate airports with more parking availability. From there, VIP arrangements by car or helicopter can be made to get passengers to their desired destination in less time than expected, and with full flexibility.

UAS China has a wide list of options and can customize a solution to suit your needs.



International Trip Support

UAS International Trip Support has been delivering award-winning, customized global flight support solutions since 2000. Born of the dream of four aviation entrepreneurs to make even the most remote stations accessible, UAS has become a comprehensive one-stop shop for all aviation needs and is trusted by Heads of State, VVIPs, Fortune Global 500 companies, and business jet operators worldwide.

In 2016, UAS marked a historic milestone when it entered a partnership with Asian premier business aviation group Deer Jet, a subsidiary of the Fortune Global 500 HNA group, to significantly accelerate its growth and expansion plans.

UAS also channels its expertise and experience into the creation of game-changing technology solutions designed specifically for business aviation.

UAS is a global market leader taking care of your trip support, executive travel, and air charter needs. Its global team of aviation experts are based in four continental headquarters and four regional offices at strategic travel hubs. UAS has unrivalled ground presence at 23 international locations.

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