

♪ "My way...part one" ♪

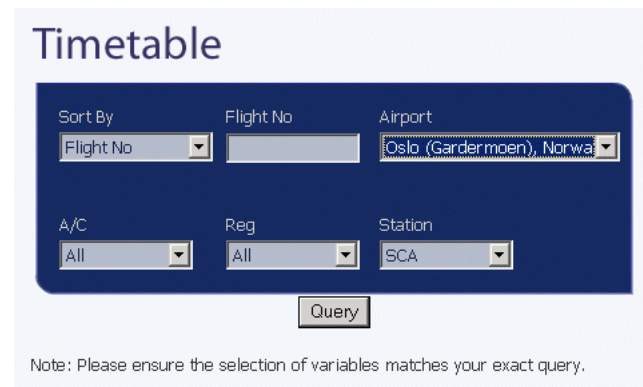
Having been a member of ESA since 1995 and played with flightsimulators since MS FS5.0 I frequently get the question: What is so funny playing with a civilian flightsim, as there is not a lot of action going on?

Well, for me there is a lot of action, but not only during the flight; also in the preparation for the flight. As you become more and more involved with your virtual airline, you will like to do it as "in real life". However, if you, like me, are not a real life pilot, then it takes a lot of time to find out, how to do things, so it approaches "the real thing". This little series of papers will try to explain how I do things, and if you find it usefull I will be glad. And any comment will be appreciated.

I take it, that you are familiar with FS2002/4, so at this stage I will not address problems on installing planes, scenery etc. Instead I will do a flight from Oslo/Gardamoen to Stockholm/Arlanda in an Airbus 320 - flight EV5521.

Flight-request (FREQ)

Flying as a pilot for a virtual airline, you will receive or ask for a flight. Eurostar Aviation uses the Pegasus Flightmanager, so this will be the natural starting point for you. How do you get this flight? Maybe you have been given the flight automaticly, but otherwise you log into Pegasus and choose Time Table under Route Planning. As you can see, I have chosen the airport (Oslo) and the station (SCA).



Timetable

Sort By Flight No Airport

Flight No [] Oslo (Gardermoen), Norwa

A/C Reg Station

All All SCA

Query

Note: Please ensure the selection of variables matches your exact query.

Timetable search

Pressing the Query button will give you a list of flights, that departs or arrives at Oslo/Gardamoen.

You may find it a little distressing at first as Pegasus uses IATA codes for the airports. But here it is quiet obvious that you are looking for OSL.

The ICAO code for Oslo/Gardamoen is ENGM (EN being Norway and GM is Gardamoen).

From the timetable you find, that EV5521 is a flight from OSL to ARN (ARN beeing the IATA code for Stockholm/Arlanda), which departs from Oslo at 05:25 and arrives at Stockholm at 06:10 every day of the week.

Clicking at FREQ generates a flightrequest for you.

Timetable

Search Results (All times GMT)
NEW FLIGHT SEARCH

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		Days of Operation													
Departure	Arrival	Flight Number	From	To	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	Flight Time	A/C	Reg	
13:40	15:45	EV.5107	OSL	DUB								2:5	ER4	SE-ESH	FREQ
16:45	18:50	EV.5108	DUB	OSL								2:5	ER4	SE-ESH	FREQ
08:55	10:40	EV.5311	OSL	FRA								1:45	320	SE-ESE	FREQ
11:40	13:20	EV.5312	FRA	OSL								1:40	320	SE-ESE	FREQ
11:55	14:10	EV.5319	OSL	GVA								2:15	320	SE-ESE	FREQ
15:10	17:25	EV.5320	GVA	OSL								2:15	320	SE-ESE	FREQ
17:30	18:50	EV.5515	HEL	OSL								1:20	ER4	SE-ESG	FREQ
19:45	21:00	EV.5516	OSL	HEL								1:15	ER4	SE-ESG	FREQ
05:25	06:10	EV.5521	OSL	ARN								0:45	320	SE-ESE	FREQ
07:10	08:00	EV.5522	ARN	OSL								0:50	320	SE-ESE	FREQ
14:15	15:10	EV.5523	OSL	CPH								0:55	320	SE-ESE	FREQ
16:10	17:05	EV.5524	CPH	OSL								0:55	320	SE-ESE	FREQ
08:55	09:35	EV.5525	OSL	BGO								0:40	320	SE-ESE	FREQ
10:15	10:55	EV.5526	BGO	OSL								0:40	320	SE-ESE	FREQ
18:20	19:05	EV.5527	OSL	TRD								0:45	320	SE-ESE	FREQ

Result of search

The flightrequest asks you to choose a date for the flight and after a couple of clicks, you will receive an e-mail with the requested flight. Especially you should note the number of passengers and amount of cargo. And you may be lucky enough to get a recommended routing.

Flight Request (FREQ)

Pilot Information			
Pilot Name	<u>Torben Andersen</u>	Station	<u>SCA</u>
Eurostar ID	<u>ESA-156</u>	Rank	<u>Senior Captain I</u>
Flight Request			
Flight #	<u>EV.5521</u>	From	<u>ENGM / Oslo (Gardermoen), Norway</u>
		To	<u>ESSA / Stockholm (Arlanda), Sweden</u>
Schedule			
Select date to fly	<input type="text" value="03/08/2004"/>	Dep. Time	<u>05:25</u>
		Arr. Time	<u>06:10</u>
Aircraft Type & Loading			
A/C	<u>320</u>	Pax	<input type="text" value="96"/>
Reg. #	<u>SE-ESE</u>	Cargo (kg)	<input type="text" value="2070"/>

Next time I will look at the route.

Yours

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