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Subject: RE: [rvsqn] Route in Portugal (was Portuguese permission)
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Hi David and all

No doubt that the route along the western coast is the best, in terms of scenic value.

If you have the time to do it, and don't want to miss the most northern part of the coast, you should plan your route in Portugal to begin over Braganca (LPBG), and from here just point the nose to 270°, reaching the coast exactly at the Spanish/Portuguese border (river Minho mouth). Don't forget to overfly this northern part of the country above 7.500 ft, or you will soon find terrain!!...

After reaching the coast, turn south and follow what we jokingly refer as a "coastodromic" route ...

In this case you will be able to see, at the mouth of river Douro (where Port wine is made), the town of Porto (2nd biggest in the country, and UNESCO heritage site), but then you will be crossing Porto int'l airport (LPPR) CTR, which is C airspace, and they may maintain you in contact with Lisboa CTRL (132.30 or other) or probably require you to contact Porto APP (121.10) or TWR (118.00), obviously under an active flight plan.

If you don't mind loosing that northern part, or don't have the time to make it, you may follow the Douro river valley (a little bit dangerous flying – deep valley, with plenty of energy cables and posts), to see the Port wine vineyards, or otherwise cross the eastern Spanish/Portuguese border where the Douro river enters Portuguese territory, and then join the coast line in Espinho (near LPIN) or Aveiro (near LPAV). Then again turn south and you will find all the coast line "free" of controlled airspace till you reach Santa Cruz (LPSC), if you fly at or below 1.000 ft AGL or AMSL (ideal to make photos, and good enough to reach one of the beautiful sand beaches, if your prop decides to stop...). If you want or need to fly higher, you will only find controlled airspace near Monte Real (LPMR), which is an Air Force Base (beware of the F-16's... J), but they normally only fly at week days... from Monday till Friday morning...

Then when reaching Santa Cruz (please wave your wings there, I may salute you from the ground, or invite you to a beer!) you will need to make a decision.

If you want to avoid the most crowded airspace in our country, which is between the Sintra Air force base (LPST), Cascais airport (LPCS) and Lisboa int'l airport (LPPT), after LPSC you may turn to 090°, fly below 1.500 ft AGL till crossing the Tejo river, some 10NM south of Santarem (LPSR), and then turn 180° until you reach the coast again, near Comporta (an old private strip no longer usable).

Hi David and all

No doubt that the route along the western coast is the best, in terms of scenic value.

If you have the time to do it, and don't want to miss the most northern part of the coast, you should plan your route to begin over Burgos (LE93), and from here just point the nose to 270°, reaching the coast exactly at the Spanish/Portuguese border (river Minho mouth). Don't forget to verify the northern part of the country above 2,500 ft, or you will soon find terrain.

After reaching the coast, turn south and follow what we jokingly refer as a "coastal route".

In this case you will be able to see, at the mouth of river Douro (where Port wine is made), the town of Porto (2nd biggest in the country and UNESCO heritage site), but then you will be crossing Porto Int'l airport (LPPR) GTR, which is a C airspace, and they may maintain you in contact with ATIS (132.30 or other) or probably require you to contact Porto APP (121.10) or TWR (118.00), obviously under an active flight plan.

If you don't mind losing that northern part, or don't have the time to make it, you may follow the Douro river valley (a little bit dangerous flying - deep valley, with plenty of energy cables and poles), to see the Port wine vineyards, or otherwise cross the western Spanish/Portuguese border where the Douro river enters Portuguese territory, and then join the coast line in Espinho (near LPPR) or Aveiro (near LPPV). Then again from south you will find all the coastal line "free" or controlled airspace till you reach Santa Cruz (LE9C). If you fly at or below 1,000 ft AGL or AMSL, don't make phone calls and good enough to reach one of the parallel sea beaches. If your trip decides to stop... if you want or need to fly higher, you will only find controlled airspace near Monte Real (LEMR), which is an Air Force Base (beyond of the F-18's... but they normally only fly at week ends - from Monday till Friday morning).

Then when reaching Santa Cruz (please wave your wings there, I may salute you from the ground, or invite you to a drink) you will need to make a decision.

If you want to avoid the most crowded airspace in our country, which is between the Santa Air force base (LE9T), Cascais airport (LECB) and Lisbon Int'l airport (LPPZ), enter LE9C you may fly to 090°. Fly below 1,000 ft AGL till crossing the 1st meridian, same 101M south or Santarém (LE9R), and then turn 180° until you reach the coast. Again, most airports (an old private strip no longer usable).

But since you are a bunch of excellent and experienced aviators, and you don't want to miss the "Serra de Sintra" (Sintra mountain), where Lord Byron and several Portuguese king's and queens have lived, the Cascais area and beaches, the Estoril casino and palaces, the majestic city of Lisboa and the beautiful Tejo river mouth, you just proceed south of Santa Cruz (LPSC) along the curvilinear coast.

Since you are flying under your flight plan, you'll probably be required, if not yet before, to contact Lisbon APP (119.10) and follow their instructions. When you request them to proceed by the coast line, perhaps they will ask you to contact the Sintra military TWR (119.65) - very kind and helpful chaps, if there is any military activity at the Sintra MCTR, and then, after passing "Cabo da Roca" (Roca cape) - the most western point in Europe (don't forget to make a picture of the wonderful lighthouse), you will reach Cascais ATZ, if you are flying below 1500ft. There they may hand you over to Cascais TWR (120.30), who after crossing the Tejo river mouth will return you back to Lisbon Approach.

Plenty of nice pictures to make around here.

Well, after passing over this crowded and radio-work section, you will enjoy a very tranquil south western coast, with beautiful and very long sand beaches, the best and most "unknown" (almost secret) in Portugal ... from Comporta till Cabo de Sao Vicente (Saint Vincent cape) and Sagres (from where have departed most of the Portuguese ships and navigators of the 15th century, to conquer Africa, Brasil and India). Then turn left and land at Alvor - Portimao (LPPM).

Hope this helps, and wish everybody nice flights.

Cheers

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ful since you are a bunch of excellent and experienced aviators, and you don't want to miss the "Serra de Sinta" (Sinta mountains) where Lord Byron and several Portuguese kings and queens have lived, the Cascais area and beyond, the Estoril Casino and beyond, the major city of Lisbon and the beautiful "Rio Tejo" mouth, you just proceed south of Santa Cruz (LPS) along the continuous coast.

Since you are flying under your flight plan, you'll probably be required, if not yet, before, to contact Lisbon ATIS (119.10) and follow their instructions. When you request them to proceed by the coast line, perhaps they will ask you to contact the Sinta military TWR (119.05) - very kind and helpful traps. If there is any military activity at the Sinta MCTR, and then, after passing "Cabo da Roca" (Roca cape) - the most western point in Europe (don't forget to make a picture of the wonderful lighthouse), you will reach Cascais ATIS. If you are flying below 10000', then they may hand you over to Cascais TWR (120.30) who after crossing the Tejo river mouth will return you back to Lisbon Approach.

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Hope this helps, and wish everybody nice flights.

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From: cygnifly@bluewin.ch
Sent: Thursday, 10 de Maio de 2012 14:59
Subject: Re: [help] Re: Portuguese permission