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Posted by [Kurt Langseth](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2012 14:23:31 GMT

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Thanks Kurt

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Posted by [Earle Martin](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2012 15:05:12 GMT

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I have some experience from way back when, but it might only be worth what I am charging you for it. I haven't flown into Mexico for almost nine years, primarily because I am flying charter and did not do enough international flying to want to comply with TSA requirements. You should verify anything I say here, but it was true for me some years ago.

You can depart the US from any airstrip. You obviously have to file a flight plan and (back when) Customs wanted some communication that you were leaving the US for your destination. TSA may require APIS filing outbound?

When you say "direct", you can go nonstop to Cancun (at one time only four or so Mexican airports were open 24 hours, I think Cancun was one) but you would need to follow airways/jet routes and dust off your position reporting skills when non-radar. Weather sources for the Gulf should include satellite photos and winds aloft depictions.

Cancun airport people should be pretty tourist-friendly. At a minimum I would tip everyone. In my last years of flying declared charters into Mexico I started using handlers and passing the costs (\$\$\$) through to the customers. A private flight should be easier; handler or no handler, that is the question.

I always made sure every last "i" was dotted and every last "t" crossed when I went to Mexico. I didn't want to give them any excuse to gig me for more \$. Often when some document misspells my name "Earl" instead of "Earle" I just let the typo go. On documents I would show the Mexicans (permits or insurance certificate) if it said "Earl" I would send it back to the issuer to refine every detail.

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Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 8:23 AM

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Posted by [Scott Dann](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2012 16:56:14 GMT

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Kurt

I have flown many times to Cancun. Some key points.

You must have an EAPIS account and file outbound and inbound.

You must purchase Mexican Liability insurance. Make sure your American insurance territory includes Caribbean and Mexico.

Handlers are not needed.

Bring cash for tips and some fees.

Be wary of ATC instructions. Some are incomplete (no EFC) or undoable.

Call my cell (847) 612-0677 to discuss in detail.

Houma Jet Ctr in Houma LA has really cheap fuel and is only 600 miles from Cozumel.  
Sent via BlackBerry For Scott Dann

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Posted by [cncbiggs](#) on Fri, 13 Jan 2012 04:15:04 GMT

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EAPIS is a MUST period, in and out. AOPA has a great tutorial on how to do it. It's not that bad to do. Just file out and back in at the same time and if plans change you will have to notify Customs BY PHONE to the port you are entering before you get there. Always call just prior to departure from Mexico (to the port you are clearing US customs at) and advise them of your arrival time EVEN though it's already in your previous eAPIS notice (1 hr MINIMUM arrival notice).

Google "McAfee & Edwards Insurance", for cheap Mexican insurance that will be what they want down there. It won't be high limits but it will work when they ask to see it. Print it out in Spanish off the internet. Take it with you. You can do it all online, Make sure your own stateside policy covers you down there also.

Just did it 3 weeks ago and it works fine.

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