



Seven by Seven by Seven for Ten



The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World (from left to right, top to bottom): [Great Pyramid of Giza](#), [Hanging Gardens of Babylon](#), [Temple of Artemis](#) at Ephesus, [Statue of Zeus at Olympia](#), [Mausoleum of Halicarnassus](#), [Colossus of Rhodes](#) and the [Lighthouse of Alexandria](#) as depicted by 16th-century Dutch artist [Marten Heemskerck](#). (Source Wikipedia)

AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF THE AIRSOURCE VIRTUAL PILOT UNION

Introduction

In June 2000, the AirSource Virtual Pilot Union officially opened its doors to the Virtual Aviation world. From its humble beginnings, the VPU has grown into one of the largest networks of virtual pilots anywhere in the world. AirSource (as it is affectionately known to its members) now boasts schedules for almost every known airline in the world (and a large number of classics as well), an active personal division for General Aviation enthusiast, Bid flights for those special events and probably the singularly largest humanitarian schedule for pilots wishing to fly virtually to provide humanitarian flights in response to the changing world we all live.

In order to celebrate 10 years, AirSource is hosting its first event for 2010 - ***Seven by Seven by Seven for Ten.***

Why the Sevens though you might ask? AirSource pilots love the wonders of the world, so what better way than to fly to the Seven Wonders of the World. But AirSource pilots being what they are, they never like to do things in halves, so not only will they fly to the traditional [Seven Wonders of the Ancient World](#) they will also get to choose to fly to two other “[seven wonders](#)” of their choice. That’s 21 flights in total! (or 22 flights for an extra bonus – read on!)

Pilots **MUST** fly to the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and then choose TWO other groups of "wonders", so from the list at Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wonders_of_the_World), so three groups of “wonders” = 21 flights.

Pilots can choose from:

- Wonders of the Medieval World
- Wonders of the modern world
- New7Wonders Foundation's seven wonders of the world
- USA Today's New Seven Wonders
- Seven Natural Wonders of the World
- Seven Wonders of the Underwater World
- Seven Wonders of the Industrial World
- Man-made travel wonders
- Natural travel wonders

And where does the “***for Ten***” come from? Well of course, it’s for 10 years of AirSource!

Flight Planning and Rules of the Event

Unlike a large number of the previous AirSource events, you, the pilot, will have to do your own Flight Planning for this event.

You will each be assigned one Bid Division CDO to email your Flightplans to and he will enter Bid Division bid flights, for YOUR flight plans, ESPECIALLY for you!

It is highly probable that all participants in this event will be flying different routes/city pairs.



But to make it more interesting, there are a few simple rules:

1. All participants must nominate their starting airport when they sign for the event. This airport does not count as flying to one of the wonders, so you need to land at 21 different airports to achieve the results. You do not need to fly back to the starting airport.
2. All participants must nominate which "[*Wonders of the World*](#)" they intend to fly when they sign up for the event. This must include the [*Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*](#) and two other Seven Wonders (*there are no fewer than NINE others to choose from*) as depicted in [*Wikipedia*](#). Note that "*The Internet – Everywhere*" in the USAToday wonders does not count as one of the 21 flights (refer to the Special Awards below).
3. Pilots will fly from one "Wonder" to the next "Wonder" but must plan so that they can comply with rule 4, just to make things a little more of a challenge!
4. Pilots must nominate an airport no further than 50nm from their "wonder" which is capable of safely landing their nominated aircraft at. If there is not a suitable airport within 150nm, pilots will have to change their aircraft type to suit.
5. Participants must submit their flight plans to their assigned CDO in the format specified in rule 7. Pilots can submit their flightplans all at once or progressively over the course of the event. All bids will be set to expire on 15 June 2010.
6. Participants can fly any aircraft of their choice. Pilots must nominate the aircraft they wish to fly for each route when they submit their flight plans to their assigned CDO. Pilots can fly any mix of aircraft they desire, provided that the aircraft is capable of flying the nominated route. Pilots can nominate "tech stops" to refuel if the aircraft does not have the required range to fly the route, but this will only count as ONE flight.
7. Flightplans should be submitted detailing:
 - a. AirSource Pilot Number
 - b. Pilot Name
 - c. "Wonder Name"
 - d. "Wonder Group"

- e. Departure Airport ICAO code (Found at <http://www.air-source.us/Operations/Airports/Airport.asp>)
 - f. Arrival Airport ICAO code (Found at <http://www.air-source.us/Operations/Airports/Airport.asp>)
 - g. Tech Stop airports Enroute including ICAO codes
 - h. Aircraft Type and ICAO code (Found at <http://www.air-source.us/Operations/Aircraft/Aircraft.asp>)
- 8. Routes can only be flown by the pilot that they have been entered for.
 - 9. In the event of a dispute, the Vice President Bid Division or AirSource President will have the final decision.
 - 10. The event will run from 1-Apr-10 until 15-Jun-10 (UTC) and all flights must be completed in this time. No extension will be granted.
 - 11. All pilots must have fun!

Notes

A couple of things that pilots should note:

-  A couple of “wonders” are located in Turkey, but this Asian Turkey, not European Turkey.
-  There are likely to be some long flights interspersed with some short flights so take care when planning

Awards

In addition to pilots receiving AirSource Virtual Pay for each sector that they fly, the following awards and bonuses will be awarded to participants:

- 10-12 flights – Bronze – v\$750
- 13-16 flights – Silver – v\$1,500
- 17-20 flights – Gold – v\$3,000
- 21 flights – Platinum – v\$6,000

Special awards/Bonuses will be also be awarded for:

- ❖ Special Design Award v\$3,000 – An award for the pilot who designs the best award logo for AirSource pilots logbooks (must include design for Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum and the Special Design Award)
- ❖ “The Internet – Everywhere” Wonder \$500 Bonus – The Internet is one of the USA Today’s “wonders”. Pilots will use this as a bonus leg for the bonus payment to return to their starting airport so as to complete a round trip.

All awards will be presented upon completion of the event in June 2010 irrespective of when the pilot completed the event.

Questions

If you have any questions please post them in the Event Forum or email the Vice President – Bid Division, Mark Richards markrichards@air-source.us