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Experience the beauty of
the Gold Coast. With
Ghana's first virtual airline.

Golden Ghana Virtual Airlines

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About us

Golden Ghana Virtual Airlines is the first VA in Western Africa, simulating flight operations in this beautiful part of the world. Just to make sure: None of this is about real world flights. It applies solely to flight simulation - for example, with Microsoft Flight Simulator or Laminar's X-Plane.

Fleet and destinations

Golden Ghana Virtual Airlines uses an aircraft fleet that is a) realistic for the flights and b) interesting for pilots in terms of available addons, for both X-Plane and Microsoft Flight Simulator.

The fleet will change with time, in an effort to remain up to date with respect to interesting addons for both simulators. In case you really miss a certain aircraft type in the fleet, let us know via Facebook and we'll see what we can do.

Scheduled passenger flights

2 Boeing 787-800

Destinations:

Nairobi

Johannesburg

2 Boeing 767-300

Destinations:

Tripolis

Kairo

2 Boeing 757-200

Destinations:

Algiers

Casablanca

2 Airbus A330-200

Destinations:

Riad

Cape Town

1 Airbus A320-200

Destinations:

Dakar

Kinshasa

2 Boeing 737-800

Destinations:

Accra

Bamako

Lagos

Douala

Libreville

Kinshasa

Luanda

Abidjan

Monrovia

Dakar

Casablanca

Naimey

Sao Tome

1 Canadair CRJ-200

Destinations:

Accra

Tamale

Lagos

Abidjan

Niamtougou

1 Dash 8 Q400

Destinations:

Accra

Takoradi

Kumasi

Sunyani

Lomé

Lagos

1 Beechcraft Baron 55

Destinations:

Tamale

Navrongo

Yendi

Wa

Charter Cargo Flights

1 Boeing 747-400F

1 Boeing 777-200F

1 Boeing 767-300F

1 Boeing 757-200M

1 Cessna C208

Charter Vintage Flights

1 Lockheed L-1011 TriStar

1 Douglas DC-3

1 Boeing 727-200

How to book and report a flight

Golden Ghana Virtual Airlines uses the great phpvms System for all flight operations. Here is how to book a flight:

Scheduled flights

1. Go to the Pilot's Center and view the flight schedules: <http://goldenghanavirtual.org/index.php/schedules/view>
2. For the flight you would like to book, click "Add to bid"
3. The flight can now be found listed under your flight bids: <http://goldenghanavirtual.org/index.php/schedules/bids>
4. To report the flight after it is completed, either use one of the supported tools that are listed at the bottom of that page <http://goldenghanavirtual.org/index.php/profile> or file a PIREP manually.
5. Once your PIREP is approved, the flight will be added to your records
6. If you can't complete a flight that you have booked, please remember to delete the bid under "View my bids". Otherwise, no other pilot will be able to book that flight!

Charter flights

1. Go to the Pilot's Center and view the flight schedules: <http://goldenghanavirtual.org/index.php/schedules/view>
2. To find a charter flight, either search by aircraft type (the cargo and the vintage aircraft are clearly marked) or by departure/destination - the charter flights can be recognized by the "ZZZZ" entry at the departure and arrival airport fields.
3. Every charter aircraft has only one flight schedule - from departure airport "ZZZZ" to arrival airport "ZZZZ". Book that flight by clicking „Add to bid“
4. Decide on the departure and arrival airport of your choice
5. If you are using a PIREP tool like FSFlightkeeper or XAcars, replace the "ZZZZ" entries in the respective form with the true ICAO codes for your departure and your arrival airports
6. If you want to report your flight manually, just complete the flight, and then enter the correct airport ICAO codes in the PIREP form when you submit the PIREP

Liveries

Golden Ghana Virtual Airlines intentionally uses a rather simple design on its aircraft to allow easy and fast painting. It's just the logo and the registration on the fuselage and the Ghanaian flag on the tail. It looks like this:



(I know, it's hard to see. You'll find a better rendition on our homepage)

Some X-Plane repaints are available in the Download Center and new ones are posted periodically: <http://goldenghanavirtual.org/index.php/downloads>

If you are lacking repaints, especially for Microsoft Flight Simulator, you can easily create your own livery. Just download the GOG Paintkit from the Download Center, and you'll be able to make a livery in about 10 minutes.

Online operations

Golden Ghana Virtual Airlines operates its online flights on VATSIM. All needed resources like charts, scenery and other documents can be found on the site of VATSIM Central Africa (VATCAF): <http://goldenghanavirtual.org/index.php/downloads>

If you are going to fly online, please use these items:

ICAO identifier: GOG
RTF callsign: "Goldbird"

When logging in with your online client and being asked to enter the aircraft code, also select GOG (and not _GG like Squawkbox users usually would do for virtual airlines).

It might also be a good idea to put the RTF Callsign in the remarks of your flightplan to let controllers know how to call you.

Ranks

Like most VAs, Golden Ghana Virtual Airlines also has a ranking system for pilots. Currently, it looks like this:

New Hire

Minimum hours: 0

Pay rate per hour: \$18

Second Officer

Minimum hours: 1

Pay rate per hour: \$50

First Officer

Minimum hours: 10

Pay rate per hour: \$100

Senior First Officer

Minimum hours: 30

Pay rate per hour: \$150

Captain

Minimum hours: 60

Pay rate per hour: \$200

Senior Captain

Minimum Hours: 100

Pay rate per hour: \$250

Please note: Although we are using this ranking system to add realism and maintain motivation, no restrictions come with these ranks. Every pilot is free to fly every aircraft and to book every flight. Our goal is to have more fun and less restrictions.