Free Flights

What Are Free Flights?

Free Flights allow you to create and fly a custom route that is not part of the published schedule.

This feature gives you flexibility while still operating within UVA’s structure and tracking system.

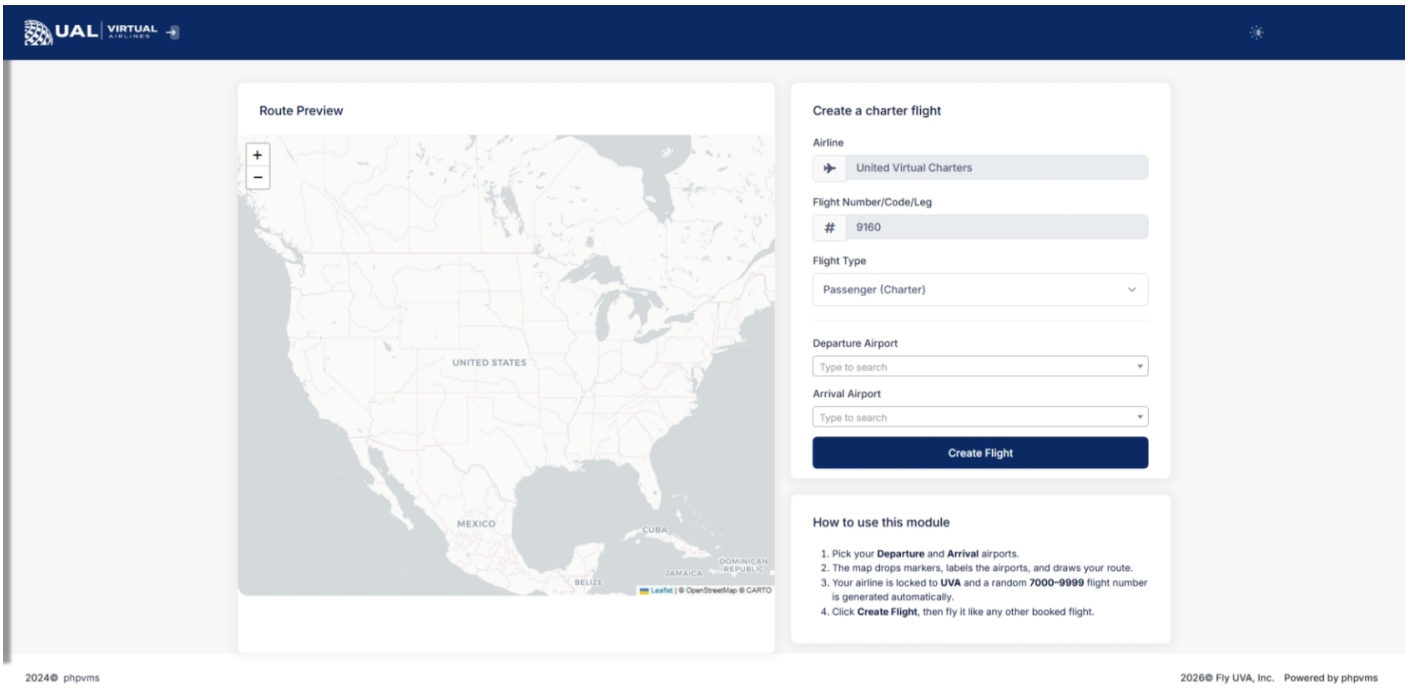
If you want to fly something different from the schedule — this is where you do it.

When Should You Use Free Flights?

Use Free Flights when:

- You want to fly between two airports not connected by a published schedule.
- You are repositioning an aircraft.
- You want to simulate a charter-style route.
- You are flying a training or personal practice flight.
- You want more flexibility than the schedule provides.

How It Works



On the Free Flight page, you will:

1. Enter a Departure Airport (ICAO)
2. Enter an Arrival Airport (ICAO)

Once created, the flight becomes your active bid.

From there, the process is the same as a scheduled flight:

- Fly the route
- Log the flight through ACARS
- Submit your PIREP

Important Operational Notes

Free Flights must still:

- Use aircraft that exist in the UVA fleet.
- Follow realistic routing and operational standards.
- Comply with all PIREP grading and AutoPIREP criteria.

Free Flights do not override operational policies.

Free Flights vs Scheduled Flights

Scheduled Flights:

- Pulled directly from UVA’s published schedule.
- Used for structured route realism.
- May tie into Tours or Events.

Free Flights:

- Fully customizable within system limits.
- Designed for flexibility and pilot preference.
- Ideal for exploration or repositioning.

Both are tracked and graded through the same system.

After You Create a Free Flight

Once created:

- It becomes your active bid.
- You cannot create another flight until it is completed or removed.
- You will fly and submit your PIREP normally.

If your PIREP is placed into pending status, your bid will remain active until processed.

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