



PTFF-63 – “Bush Pilots Airways, Australia”



Bush Pilots Airways (BPA) was formed in 1951. It became Air Queensland in 1981. The name ceased in 1988; eventually being absorbed into QANTAS. The original BPA opened needed air routes in Queensland keeping remote communities viable when roads were closed in the wet season. Air Queensland was the last airline in Australia to use the DC-3 on scheduled routes.

Suggested Aircraft:

Douglas DC-3
Britten Norman Islander
DHC-6 Twin Otter
Fokker F27 Friendship

Flight Schedule:

1. Cairns (YBCS) – Cooktown (YCKN) – Cairns (YBCS) - 185nm.
2. Cairns (YBCS) – Karumba (YKMB) – Normanton (YNTN) – Cairns (YBCS) - 577nm.
3. From Brisbane (YBBN) with transit stops at: Maroochydore (YBMC), Maryborough (YMYB), Bundaberg (YBUD), Gladstone (YGLA), Rockhampton (YBRK), Mackay (YBMK) and Townsville (YBTL) - 624nm.

NOTAMS:

Total flight distance 1,386nm.
Routes and stops at pilot discretion. BPA normally flew at low altitudes, due to frequent stops.
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