

## BAHRAIN (BAH/OBBI)

Elevation 8ft

### CATEGORY A

AV brief – not required

### GENERAL

#### Threats

##### Loss of Control

- TURBULENCE and WINDSHEAR are fairly common and may be severe.
- This is not necessarily associated with thunderstorms.
- Aircraft report losing altitude at rates of 3000ft/min during approach.
- GPWS activation has occurred as a result.

### ARRIVAL

#### Diversion Airports

DAMMAM	DMM/OEDF	047 nm/285°T	CAT A
DOHA	DOH/OTBD	079 nm/140°T	CAT A
ABU DHABI	AUH/OMAA	245 nm/117°T	CAT A
DUBAI	DXB/OMDB	263 nm/104°T	CAT A

Others that may be used include Muscat.

## Approach

- Very early descent into Bahrain airspace from Tehran control is regularly required. Standard clearance is FL180 by 20 miles before ALSER.
- Track shortening to MARWA or NAGAT is regularly issued by BAH approach, resulting in considerable reduction in track miles to touch down.
- When arriving from Iraq/Kuwait airspace, call ahead required 5 mins before LONOS, and expect early descent to be level FL 290 by LONOS, and 12,000' by KOBOK (or 30 miles before ELELO).

### GROUND

- Taxi with caution. Numerous unlit ground obstacles close to taxiway. Unmarked taxiways. Rwy 12L/30R should be considered slippery when wet.
- Expect parking on Main Apron A.
- Turning area added at threshold Rwy 12L where all aircraft should carry out 180° turns.

### DEPARTURE

- Outbound from BAH, control require best achievable level by the Tehran boundary (ROTOX). Often difficult to reach cruise level by that point due temperature/performance.

### WEATHER

- Early morning fog/low stratus possible particularly during the winter.
- Occasional dust storms.
- Strong N'ly winds occur throughout the year.
- Thunderstorms can be very severe.

### OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

<b>Handling Agent</b>	BAS – Bahrain Airport Services
<b>Handling Agent VHF</b>	Speedbird Bahrain 131.15
<b>Potable Water</b>	Uplift Permitted

<b>IF ONLY Electrical Power is required</b>	Use at all times
<b>If BOTH electrical power and air conditioning is required:</b>	Use APU