

# Ben Gurion Airport

for FSX



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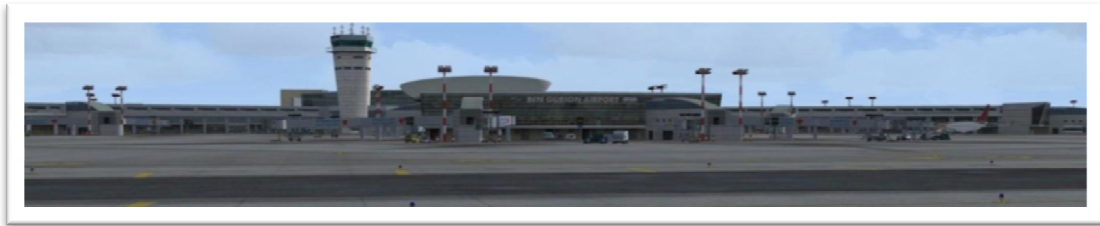
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Now let's get down to business.....



## Introduction

### The product

This scenery is made for **Microsoft Flight Simulator X** and was built in order to replace the default Ben Gurion airport scenery.

#### The scenery contains:

- Terminal 3 – with moving jetway - (CTRL-J) and its surrounding parking positions.
- More realistic runways and taxiways.
- Highly detailed buildings, structures and facilities
- Navigation aids and lights, including the new LDA system on runway 30 which allows any kind of training.
- Photorealistic ground textures.

Auto-generated buildings and trees appear on the photorealistic ground, according to the location of the cities. Furthermore, the roads are illuminated during night time, and allow night VFR flying in the vicinity of the airport.

For much better results in general view all over the scenery and Israel as a whole we recommend to use the land class scenery by ISP Israel Sceneries Project

<http://israeli-scenery.org/>

Download it here:

[http://vs156041.server4you.net/isp/downloads/Israeli\\_Landclass\\_X\\_v105.rar](http://vs156041.server4you.net/isp/downloads/Israeli_Landclass_X_v105.rar)

## Installation

Installation is relatively easy. Actually, chances are that when you read this, you've already DONE IT!

Just to re-iterate what happens:

You start the 'installer'

It will find your FSX installation (unless you have changed something, then you will need to point the installer to the PATH where you have installed FSX)

The installer will make (or find an existing) FSAddon folder within your FSX folder and move the necessary files into it

Inside that FSAddon folder you will also find this manual.

It will copy all scenery files to this FSX/FSAddon/Ben Gurion X folder

It will copy a number of 'effects' to your FSX/effects folder

## Uninstalling

We can't imagine you would want to uninstall what you just bought, but just in case you need to, please use the Uninstall module found in your Windows Start menu.

(Click on Programs>FSAddon>BenGurionX>Uninstall).

ATTENTION: you will need to remove the entries from the scenery.cfg file manually, either by editing the file directly, or by deleting the 'area' from within the Library list of FSX.

## Support

We don't envisage you will need much support as this is a fairly simple product with an automated install.

But since SUPPORT is one of our famous hallmarks we are here for you of course!

You can freely READ our Support Forums and find information there. In case you have QUESTIONS you will NEED to REGISTER to our SUPPORT FORUMS, which is **THE ONLY PLACE** we provide support for FSAddon Publishing products!

You can find Simon's forum here: [http://fsaddon.eu/wpfsaddon/?page\\_id=1055](http://fsaddon.eu/wpfsaddon/?page_id=1055)

(For reasons of security you will **have to register** in order to post messages there. We also ask you to put your **ORDER NUMBER** or your **PayPal transaction number** in your **signature**, so we know you are one of our legitimate customers).

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## Ben Gurion Airport history

Ben Gurion airport, which today serves as the entrance and exit gateway of the State of Israel, was established by the British Mandate authorities in the Land of Israel as part of a broad plan to lay down airports in mandate-time (pre-state) Israel.

Since its establishment and to the present day, the airport has served as the main entrance and exit gateway for both the citizens and guests of the State of Israel, and as such bears witness to the history of the State and the main events which formed it.

In 1935 work began on the infrastructure and in April 1937 four concrete runways were completed, each 800m long and 100 m wide.

In 1937, the construction of an aircraft workshop (hangar) was started, in preparation for the Hannibal aircraft which were to arrive from the British "Imperial Airways". This workshop that was built with the assistance of a German company continues serving El Al's Boeing jets to this very day.

After the Second World War broke out, routes of national airlines from Paris, Brussels and Zurich were added, mainly using Dakota aircraft. At the beginning of the war air force squadrons from Australia, Britain and the U.S. started setting themselves up in Europe and the civilian activities of the airport were reduced and the stage of military activities began.

At the beginning of the 90s, the airport witnessed the huge wave of immigration that arrived from the Soviet Union. As part of the preparations to receive this influx, an immigration absorption hall was established. At that time, direct flights from the U.S.S.R. started arriving (October 1991).

In the wake of the increase in passengers and freight traffic at the airport, the Authority commenced organizing for the establishment of the new terminal that would provide passengers with the best available aviation services. In January 1994, the Government of Israel, headed by Yitzhak Rabin, took the decision for the establishment of Terminal 3, within the framework of gearing up for the third millennium.

On 25 October, 1998, about 5 years after the decision for the establishment of the additional terminal was taken, the corner stone was laid for the Terminal 3 building, in the presence of the Minister of Transport and a large group of dignitaries.



## Airport Description

### Terminal 1

Terminal 1 re-opened in 2007 as the domestic terminal following extensive renovations and, in July 2008, to cater for summer charter and low-cost flights. It remained open for these charter and low-cost flights for the 2008 summer season, with passengers checking in and passing through security here, before being ferried to Terminal 3.

The terminal closed temporarily in October 2008 for further renovation. It opened again in Summer 2009, when it was expected to reach its three-month capacity of 600,000 passengers on international flights.



### Terminal 3

Terminal 3, which opened on 28 October 2004, replaced Terminal 1 as the main international gateway to and from Israel. The building was designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM). Moshe Safdie & Associates and TRA designed a linking structure and the airside departure areas and gates. Ram Karmi and other Israeli architects were the local architects of record. The inaugural flight was an El Al flight to John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City.

The new terminal is built to serve over 10 million passengers per year.

Terminal 3 uses the Jetway system.

The overall layout is similar to that of airports in Europe and North America, with multiple levels and considerable distances to walk after disembarking from the aircraft.

After the main security check, passengers wait for their flights in the star-shaped duty-free rotunda. A variety of cafes, restaurants and duty-free shops are located there, open 24 hours a day, as well as a synagogue, banking facilities, a transit hall for connecting passengers and a desk for VAT refunds.

Terminal 3 has a total of 30 gates divided over three concourses (B, C and D), each with 8 jetway-equipped gates (numbered 2 through 9). There are also 2 stand gates (bus bays, 1 and 1A) from which passengers are ferried to the aircraft.

EI AI flights all depart from concourse D except for some New York bound flights which depart from concourse C. All other airlines use concourses B and C. Two additional concourses (A and E) may be built if passenger traffic warrants expansion.





## Runways

### Main runway

The closest runway to terminals 1 and 3 is 12/30, 3,112 meters (10,210 feet) in length, and is followed by a taxiway. Most landings take place on this runway from West to East, approaching from the Mediterranean Sea over southern Tel Aviv. During inclement weather it may also be used for takeoffs (heading 12).

A 17 million NIS renovation project was completed in November 2007 which reinforced the runway and made it suitable for future wide-body aircraft such as the new Airbus A380. In September 2008 a new ILS serving the runway was activated.

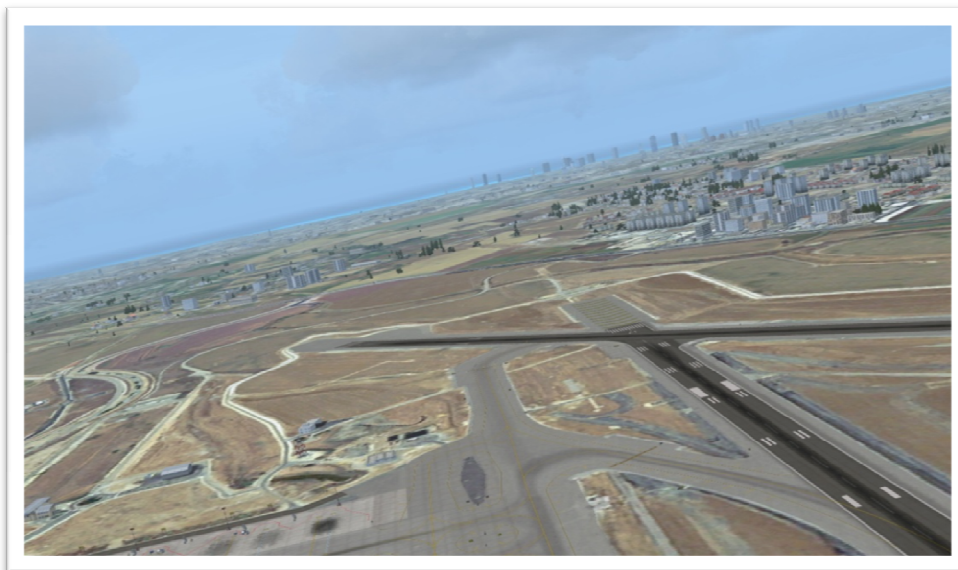
### Short runway

In the past, the short runway, (heading 03/21) 1,780 meters (5,840 feet) in length, mainly served cargo aircraft of the Israeli Air Force. Today it serves mostly as a taxiway for the quiet runway. It is rarely used for landing from north to south (heading 21). By the middle of the decade however, the IAF facilities adjacent to the short runway are slated to be relocated to Nevatim and the runway will be lengthened to over 9,100 feet (2,800 m), equipped with an ILS and placed into full commercial usage.

### Quiet runway

The longest runway at the airfield, 3,657 meters (11,998 feet), and the main take off runway from east to west (Direction 08/26), referred to as "the quiet runway" since jets taking off in this direction produce less noise pollution for surrounding residents. This is the newest runway in the airport, built in the early 1970s.

A 24 million NIS renovation project completed in February 2006 reinforced the runway and made it suitable for future wide-body aircraft such as the new Airbus A380.



## Future runway configuration

The fact that the main runway and the quiet runway intersect near their western ends often creates a crisscross pattern between aircraft landing and taking off. This pattern reduces the amount of air traffic which can circulate in and out of the airport and has detrimental safety implications as well.

To alleviate these issues, work began in 2010 to construct new taxiways, lengthen the short runway, and move the take-off point on the quiet runway further to the west. When all phases of construction are completed, runway 03/21 will become the main landing runway instead of runway 12/30 which will then be used on a secondary basis.

This configuration will enable a new approach pattern to and from the field, allowing simultaneous take offs and landings at most times of the day and more than double the number of aircraft movements which can be handled at peak times while increasing the level of air safety in and around the airport.

The project will cost nearly 1 billion NIS and is scheduled to be completed by early 2014.

## Other airport data

### Operator:

Israel Airport Authority

### Hub for

- El Al
- Arkia Airlines
- Israir
- Sun d'or International Airlines

### Runways

03/21 1780 m 5840 ft Asphalt

08/26 3657 m 11998 ft Asphalt

12/30 3112 m 10210 ft Asphalt

### Communications info

ATIS **132.5**

Ben Gurion Tower **132.1**

Ground West Ground Control **118.05**

Ground East Ground Control **129.2**

Ben Gurion Clearance Clearance Delivery **119.35**

Ben Gurion Approach Control **120.5**

Ben Gurion TMA **119.5**

Ben Gurion Departure Control **120.5**

Information for this document was gathered from Wikipedia.org and Israel Airport Authority.

## Link for Charts

[http://en.caa.gov.il/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=414:ad-25-tel-aviv-ben-gurion-llbg-&catid=172:aip-israel&Itemid=278&searchWords=charts&searchPhrase=all](http://en.caa.gov.il/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=414:ad-25-tel-aviv-ben-gurion-llbg-&catid=172:aip-israel&Itemid=278&searchWords=charts&searchPhrase=all)

### Some other links with information:

Site of the Israel Government:

<http://www.iaa.gov.il/Rashat/en-US/Airports/BenGurion/>

Go Israel – tourism site:

[http://www.goisrael.com/Tourism\\_Eng/](http://www.goisrael.com/Tourism_Eng/)

The airport's own website:

<http://www.telaviv-airport.com/>

And yet another interesting page:

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/vie/viearrive.html>

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Since June 2010 François Dumas left simFlight and is now running FSAddon Publishing independently. We still use simMarket as one of our distributors of course, but also have our own on-line shop at <http://silvercloud-store.com>.

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- 1) To substantially expand the possibilities for beginning simpilots to use their flight simulator
- 2) To provide high-quality, extensive add-ons to the more experienced simpilots
- 3) To lower the thresholds for communicating and flying together using flight simulators and the internet.

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