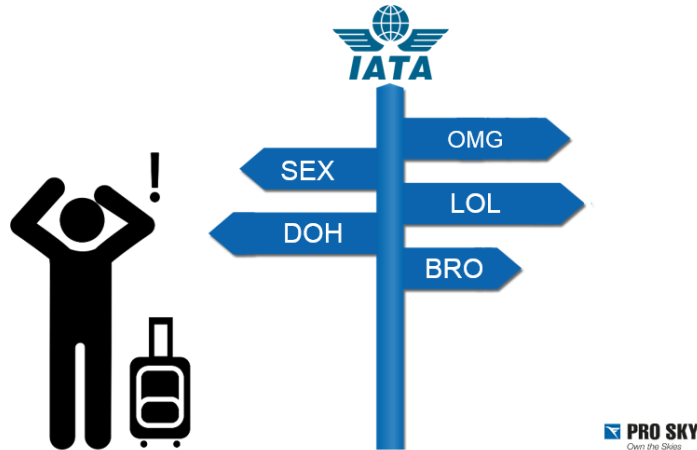


How Airport Codes Make the Aviation World Chuckle

IATA Codes Keep Passengers in Good Humor



Has a flight ever left you in AWE?

That's what will happen when you deplane at Gabon's Alowe Airport, the gateway to Wonga-Wongue Reserve. Home to forest elephants, buffalo, lowland gorillas, chimpanzees, panthers, antelope, and other wildlife, the park is awesome. But you'll be in AWE as soon as you enter the terminal, because that's the airport's IATA code.

If you're reading this, you're probably a seasoned traveler who has taken off or landed at many airports. Have you been to ALL? The answer is yes if you've traveled through Italy's Villanova D'Albenga International.

Your family is well-traveled, too. DAD is in Vietnam's Da Nang International, but MOM is in Letfotar Airport in Mauritania, and SIS is in South Africa's Sishen Airport. Don't forget your BRO. He's at Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport in Texas, not far from the U.S.-Mexico border.

Of course, people travel for many reasons: to attend business meetings, seek specialized medical treatment, or just relax on holiday. But sometimes, SEX is the destination. That's where flights to Germany's Sembach Airport are headed.



If your reaction to that is OMG—well, yes, you can fly there (Omega Airport in Namibia), too. In fact, many of your favorite social media abbreviations are IATA codes: from LOL (Derby Field in the U.S. state of Nevada) to BRB (Brazil’s Barreirinhas Airport) to SMH (Sapmanga Airport in Papua New Guinea). It’s enough to make you quote Homer Simpson. And you can—because Qatar’s Doha International Airport is known as DOH!

[See those destinations for yourself](#)

And no matter where you’re traveling, you can access jet pricing data like a PRO—no, not Perry Municipal Airport in the U.S. state of Iowa, but online, via Pro Sky’s jet pricing tool. Just input the number of passengers planned for your flight, the cities of departure and arrival, and the date and time of travel, hit “enter,” and you’ll receive a quote based on a range of aircraft. Then click the “send request” button and your personal client service manager will contact you with a formal quote.