

ABERDEEN/FAROES ECLIPSE FLIGHT 2015 MARCH 20 — WITH GROUND OPTION IN CASE FAROES WEATHER IS GOOD —

Announcing flight in an Embraer ERJ-145 jet from Aberdeen, Scotland to Vágar, Faroe Islands airport, then airborne total solar eclipse observation run, then back to Vágar and return to Aberdeen. If you prefer you can stay on the ground at Vágar while the aircraft flies, then return with the aircraft to Aberdeen after the eclipse.

Airborne observation will be estimated 3 minutes 30 to 40 seconds in the moon's shadow at 35,000+ feet altitude at 430 knots – view will be out the right-side windows with sun at a very comfortable elevation of 18+ degrees.

Or if you choose ground observation at the airport, duration will be 2 minutes 16 seconds.

We'll depart Aberdeen (ABZ) ~5am (local time = UT) to arrive Vágar (FAE) ~6am sunrise, eclipse flight 8:55am-10:10am landing back at Vágar, then return to Aberdeen. Even if weather at Vágar is perfect, aircraft will still fly for totality.

The ERJ-145 is a "regional"-class jetliner with two seats on the right in each row, and then across the aisle one more seat on the left – here are four interior videos:

3:10-3:25 of <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dx6KrTUv9QQ>
0:45-1:10 of http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfOf2AWga_0
2:00-3:30 of <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOnJOurBcnQ>
0:40-2:10 of <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1bo0fiVwT0>.

Nice features you can see in the videos are that the windows are sizable, nearly square, and also that each seat row coincides exactly one-on-one with its window, no windows partially behind seatbacks i.e. optimal for e-viewing.

The technical planner is John Beattie of New York City for whom this will be his 32nd total solar eclipse, including 10th solar eclipse aloft and 5th as technical planner since 1986 October 3.

THREE OPTIONS

Premier option furthest from the wing: seat rows 3 4 5 6 7, ¥599,000 per row or ¥299,500 per person for two persons sharing row and the window.

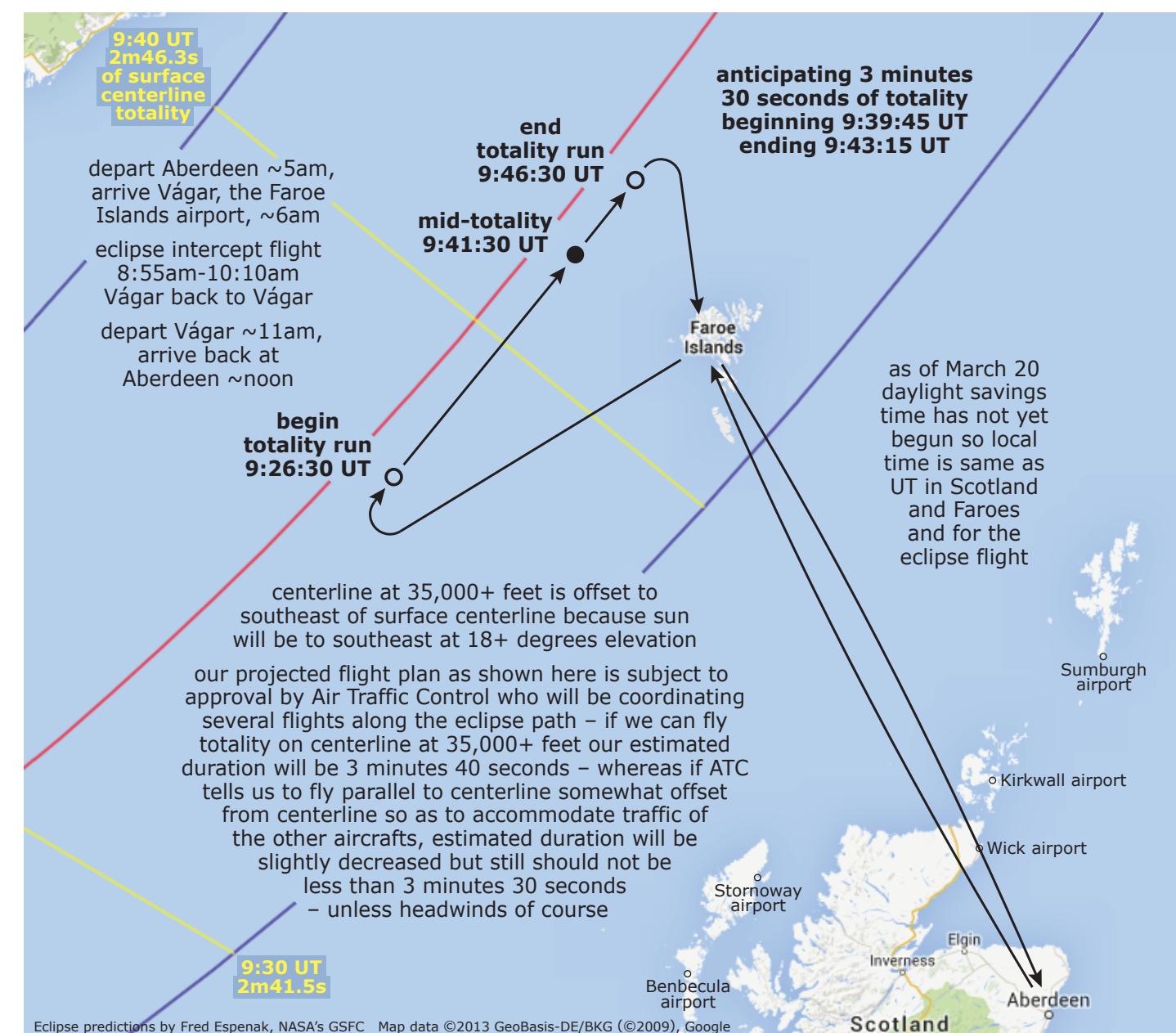
Standard option not as far from the wing: seat rows 8 9 12 (12 is over the wing but has extra leg room) 16 17 18, ¥499,000 per row or ¥249,500 per person for two persons sharing row and the window.

Economy option over the wing (but wing is small, as the videos show – and it has no engine since engines are in the back): seat rows 10 11 13 14 15, ¥399,000 per row or ¥199,500 per person for two persons sharing row and the window.

Deposit ¥50,000 per person immediately non-refundable, then ¥150,000 per row/window by 2014 June 20, then balance by 2014 September 20.

Since this is an aircraft charter for the entire journey it is unfortunately not possible to offer a reduction in price if you do not use all three of the flight sectors, for instance if you decide to stay on the ground at Vágar airport to view the eclipse.

To sign up and/or for more information contact Mr. Nagasawa [telephone number] nagasawa@topic-tour.co.jp, Hiroden Chugokushimbun Travel Co. Ltd. <http://www.topic-tour.co.jp/tour-list/kaigai/europa.html>.



Good weather at Vágar is unlikely but it **could happen** – like El Calafate 2010 and Cape Lopez 2013! The flight plan we're proposing to ATC will give you until about 8:40am, one hour before totality and just after first contact at 8:39am, to decide whether to stay on the ground or fly. Here's what Vágar can look like on a nice day:

