

PRIVATE AVIATION
GUIDE

2026
EDITION



THE ORCA PRIVATE FLIGHTS GUIDE

Flying Private *with Orca Travel Co.*

How we do it, and why.

CURATED FOR YOU BY ORCA TRAVEL COLLECTION

HOW WE WORK

We don't sell private flights. *We help you choose the right one.*

After 30 years of flying private, including owning our own jet, we've learned that the cheapest quote can be the most expensive trip.

So Orca doesn't act as a charter broker. We advise you, point you to operators we trust, and you book and pay them directly. You get our experience, and your money goes straight to the company flying you.

Why we work this way

YOUR MONEY STAYS PROTECTED

In 2026, one charter company grounded every flight while holding about \$300 million in client prepayments, and those customers may never get it back. When you pay a proven operator directly, there's no middleman holding your funds.

NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST

We don't earn a commission on your flight, so our recommendation is simply what we'd book for our own family.

ACCOUNTABILITY

You have a direct relationship with the company that owns and flies the airplane.



OPERATORS WE TRUST

Companies *we'd consider*

No. 01

NetJets /
Executive Jet
Management

No. 02

Flexjet

No. 03

VistaJet

No. 04

Jet Linx

No. 05

Solairus

No. 06

flyExclusive

No. 07

Wheels Up

No. 08

XO

No. 09

Silver Air

No. 10

Magellan Jets

Each one fits different trips, budgets, and ways of flying, and we'll help you pick.



BEFORE YOU BOOK

Red flags *before you book any private flight*

No. 01

RED FLAG

The quote doesn't list the company that actually operates the aircraft.

No. 02

RED FLAG

The price has no federal excise tax on it. The FAA treats that as a warning sign of an illegal charter.

No. 03

RED FLAG

You're asked for a large deposit long before the trip, with no escrow.

No. 04

RED FLAG

There's no plan for a backup aircraft if the jet breaks down, especially on trips to Mexico or overseas.

No. 05

RED FLAG

A 'certified' badge on the seller, but no safety rating for the aircraft and operator themselves.

No. 06

RED FLAG

Photos of the cabin that don't match the tail number you're flying.



YOUR CHECKLIST

Questions to ask *every operator*

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Who is the operating carrier, and what's their certificate number?

2

What safety rating do they hold, such as ARGUS or Wyvern?

3

If the plane goes down mechanically, what's the recovery plan, and does it cover my destination?

4

What are the liability insurance limits per passenger?

5

What's the all-in price, including taxes, fees, and surcharges?





JOURNEYS BEYOND ORDINARY

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