

# Zürich, Switzerland

## July 2014

This report deals with the last-minute trip my dad and I made to the largest airport in Switzerland: Zürich-Kloten. When we saw the nice weather forecast and found out we could fly in two new types of aircraft, we decided to book the flight tickets with Lufthansa and an apartment close to the airport. I had been to Zürich airport a few times, but I never had the opportunity to do some decent spotting because I used the airport only as a point of transfer from plane to train and vice versa.

There are several good spotting guides available on the internet, so I won't describe the spotting points too thoroughly.

The aircraft at Zürich are only noted once, even though they may have visited the airport multiple times during my stay.

### 15 July 2014 Schiphol EHAM

CS-TNW	Airbus A320-200	TAP Air Portugal
EC-LVS	Airbus A320-200	Vueling
EC-LYM	Airbus A320-200	Iberia Express
HB-IYW	BAe 146-RJ100	Swiss

On Tuesday morning around 7AM we departed in a Swiss Jumbolino from runway 18L. Before that I noted a few new aircraft.

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4O-AOM	Fokker 100	Montenegro Airlines
4X-EKB	Boeing 737-800	EI AI
9H-BOA	Hawker 4000	Orion Malta
9H-ERO	Bombardier BD-700-1A10	Elitavia
9H-VLZ	Cessna 560 Ultra	Maleth-Aero/SkyWork Executive
9V-SKC	Airbus A380-800	Singapore Airlines
A6-HMS	Airbus A320-200	Government of United Arab Emirates
C-GHPT	Boeing 787-8	Air Canada
CS-DRP	BAe 125-800XPI	Netjets Europe
CS-DXY	Cessna 560XLS	Netjets Europe
CS-GLD	Bombardier BD-700-1A10	Netjets Europe
D-BUBI	CL-300	Windrose Air
D-CAWU	Cessna 560XLS	Adolf Würth
D-INKY	Piaggio P.180 Avanti	AirGo Flugservice
EC-JUG	MD-83	Swiftair
EC-LEI	Airbus A319-100	Iberia
G-FBEJ	Embraer 195LR	Flybe
G-XXRS	Bombardier BD-700-1A10	TAG Aviation
HA-YCM	Piper PA.34-200T	
HB-ACC	ATR 72-200	Etihad Regional
HB-ACD	ATR 72-200	Etihad Regional
HB-IGI	Falcon 900EX	Cat Aviation
HB-IYI	Saab 2000	Darwin Airline
HB-IZP	Saab 2000	Etihad Regional
HB-JUS	Gulfstream IV-X	Swissjet
HB-LEL	Piper PA.34-200	EFOS Flight-Charter
HB-LEM	Piper PA.34-200	Air Safety
HB-PPH	Piper PA.46-350P	Malibair
HB-VMX	Cessna 550B	TCS Ambulance
HB-VNU	Cessna 500	JetClub
HB-ZUV	AW 139	Swissjet
HB-ZVG	Agusta A109E	Skymedia

HS-TNE	Airbus A340-600	Thai Airways
JY-RYN	Cessna 650	Raya Jet
M-GMKM	Falcon 7X	MK Air Pty
N178DZ	Boeing 767-300ER	Delta
N186DN	Boeing 767-300ER	Delta
N252AU	Boeing 767-200ER	US Airways
N51QZ	Cessna 421C	
N829RA	Bombardier BD-700-1A10	
OD-MIG	BAe 125-900XP	Mokbel International Group
OE-FHC	Cessna 525A	Avcon Jet
OE-FSS	Cessna 525	Aero-Charter Krifka
OE-GGP	Cessna 560XLS	International Jet Management
OE-HCZ	CL-300	Avcon Jet
OE-IHE	Embraer 190LR	Niki
OE-IWG	Falcon 900EX	International Jet Management
OE-LBI	Airbus A320-200	Austrian Airlines
OE-LIA	Dash 8-300	Intersky
OK-TVS	Boeing 737-800	Travel Service
PH-OCI	BAe Jetstream 32	AIS Airlines
SP-AVP	Embraer 500 Phenom 100	Sky Share
SX-DCE	Cessna 560XL	Interjet
TC-CPL	Boeing 737-800	Pegasus
TC-JPD	Airbus A320-200	Turkish Airlines
TC-SNY	Boeing 737-800	SunExpress
TF-ISK	Boeing 757-200	Icelandair
UR-GAS	Boeing 737-500	Ukraine International
VP-BRZ	Airbus A320-200	Aeroflot
YU-APG	Airbus A320-200	Air Serbia

Plus:

\*Edelweiss Air A320-200;

\*Helvetic Airways A319-100/Fokker 100;

\*Swiss A319-100/A320-200/A321-100/A330-300/A340-300/BAe 146-RJ100;

\*Other common western European narrowbody airliners.

About one and a half hour later we touched down on runway 14 at Zürich. After collecting our luggage I went to the first spotting point: the visitors terrace on top of terminal B. The terrace is open from 8AM till 8PM. The entrance fee is 5 Swiss Francs per day. Please keep in mind that you are not allowed to take your luggage onto the terrace and that you need to pass a security check. Photography is great, especially during the morning. The terrace has a low 'fence' and you can photograph both aircraft taxiing and aircraft (widebodies) taking off from runway 16, although the latter tend to be a little high most of the time. The downside of the terrace is that you can only see a fraction of the traffic. Terminal E and part of terminal A can hardly be seen, as is the case for landing traffic on runway 14 and departing traffic from runway 28, which are the two main runways in use. After lunch at the airport's food court we headed to the multi-storey car park Parkhaus P6. On the top level you have an excellent view on aircraft taxiing to and departing from runway 28, albeit through bars which make photography a little more challenging, but not really problematic. Light is good here from 11AM till about 4 PM (summer time). The apron between the car park and taxiway is occasionally used to park bizjets or even handling Swiss BAe 146's, which can sometimes be photographed as well. There are construction works going on to expand P6 to the east, which might offer some additional spotting points once it is finished.

After a few hours we left P6 and took bus 737(!) to our Swiss Star apartment at the Obstgartenstrasse. Travel time is just a few minutes. The apartment cost 100 Swiss Francs per night for a twin room. Two bus stops are nearby: 'Obstgartenstrasse' at the Swiss headquarters and 'Zum Wilden Mann' along the Flughafenstrasse. Alternatively, you could also walk to the airport terminal (15 minutes). Another advantage is that the

apartment is very close to the bizjet aprons east of runway 28, so in the evening we went there for a nice walk along the Bimenzältenstrasse.

### 16 July 2014 Zürich-Kloten LSZH

4X-EHE	Boeing 737-900ER	EI AI
9V-SKB	Airbus A380-800	Singapore Airlines
A4O-DG	Airbus A330-200	Oman Air
A6-AGB	Airbus A330-200	Etihad Airways
A7-ADD	Airbus A320-200	Qatar Airways
A7-BCJ	Boeing 787-8	Qatar Airways
CN-ROP	Boeing 737-800	Royal Air Maroc
CS-TTA	Airbus A319-100	TAP Air Portugal
D-AGWO	Airbus A319-100	Germanwings
D-CHIC	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Air Hamburg
D-CMMP	Cessna 560XLS	Stuttgarter Flugdienst
EC-JIU	Cessna 525	Sky Helicopteros
EC-KUB	Airbus A319-100	Iberia
HB-GPI	Beech 300LW	Technomag
HB-JFK	Embraer 500 Phenom 100	BelJet Fly
HB-LIN	Piper PA.60-601P	Aerostar Club Schweiz
HB-VPG	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Jet Aviation Business Jets
LN-RGE	Boeing 737-800	SAS
LZ-BHF	Airbus A320-200	BH Air
N174DZ	Boeing 767-300ER	Delta
N185DN	Boeing 767-300ER	Delta
N255AY	Boeing 767-200ER	US Airways
N59053	Boeing 767-400ER	United Airlines
N647UA	Boeing 767-300ER	United Airlines
N76062	Boeing 767-400ER	United Airlines
OE-GVF	Learjet 60XR	VistaJet
OE-LBO	Airbus A320-200	Austrian Airlines
OE-LBR	Airbus A320-200	Austrian Airlines
OE-LEW	Airbus A321-200	Niki
OE-LEY	Airbus A320-200	Niki
OH-LVD	Airbus A319-100	Finnair
OY-KFK	CRJ 900	SAS
PH-CCI	BAe Jetstream 32	AIS Airlines
S5-AAL	CRJ 900ER	Adria Airways
SP-CEZ	Learjet 60XR	Flyjet
SP-LDF	Embraer 170LR	LOT Polish Airlines
SX-DGE	Airbus A320-200	Aegean Airlines
SX-DGK	Airbus A320-200	Aegean Airlines
TC-JRB	Airbus A321-200	Turkish Airlines
TC-SNH	Boeing 737-800	SunExpress
YU-APC	Airbus A319-100	Air Serbia

Plus:

\*Edelweiss Air A330-200;

\*Helvetic Airways Fokker 100;

\*Swiss A319-100/A320-200/A321-100/A330-300/A340-300/BAe 146-RJ100;

\*Other common western European narrowbody airliners.

The next day we woke up early and headed for the other famous multi-storey carpark: Parkhaus P3. The top level offers a great view on one of the aprons as well as on aircraft landing on runway 34. This runway is in use every weekday from 6AM till 7AM and during the weekend from 6AM till 9AM. Thereafter, the landing runway becomes runway 14. At P3 one has to deal with the same bars as at P6, which is even more challenging with low shutter speeds just after sunrise.

At 7AM we left P3, bought a ZVV day ticket and went by bus 530 from the airport terminal to Winkel/Niderrüti. From there we walked about 25 minutes through some environmental protected area (no cars allowed) to the 'spotting' hill near the threshold of runway 14. The hill gives an unobstructed view on the approach of runway 14, with a nice mountain as background scenery for the photos. Just like at the other spotting points, a 70-200mm lens (on a 1.5 cropfactor camera) is fine for most aircraft, although you need about 300mm for the smaller bizjets.

At 11AM the light becomes worse, so we went back to the apartment. After a classic meal at the Migros Restaurant nearby ("Bratwurst mit Pommes Frites") and a short siesta, we went to the airport terminal again and took bus 510 to Oberglatt Zentrum. From there it was a 25 minute walk to the west side of runway 14. There is a spotting place and parking lot along the Bülachstrasse. Even though this spot is not as nice as the spotting hill in the morning, it's still good for standard landing photos during the whole afternoon. At about 5PM we headed back to the apartment and the day was closed with another evening walk along the Bimenzältenstrasse, to write down some bizjets.

### 17 July 2014 Zürich-Kloten LSZH

40-AOP	Fokker 100	Montenegro Airlines
9A-CQB	Dash 8-400	Croatia Airlines
9A-CQE	Dash 8-400	Croatia Airlines
9H-STM	Bombardier BD-700-1A10	Hyperion Aviation
9V-SKH	Airbus A380-800	Singapore Airlines
A7-BCI	Boeing 787-8	Qatar Airways
C-GHKR	Airbus A330-300	Air Canada
CS-DXZ	Cessna 560XLS	Netjets Europe
CS-TNK	Airbus A320-200	TAP Air Portugal
D-AGWL	Airbus A319-100	Germanwings
D-AGWR	Airbus A319-100	Germanwings
D-IAAY	Embraer 500 Phenom 100	Arcus Executive Aviation
EC-HKO	Airbus A319-100	Iberia
HB-IAU	Falcon 2000EX	Cat Aviation
HB-JRA	CL-604	REGA
HB-LRY	Piper PA.34-220T	Flugschule Eichenberger
HB-ZRT	Agusta A109SP	REGA
LX-TQJ	Falcon 7X	Global Jet Luxembourg
LZ-PLO	Embraer 190STD	Bulgaria Air
M-RKAY	Raytheon 390 Premier 1	Sunseeker Corporate Aviation
N132SD	Gulfstream V	
N16065	Boeing 767-300ER	Delta
N176DZ	Boeing 767-300ER	Delta
N250AY	Boeing 767-200ER	US Airways
N347AN	Boeing 767-300ER	American Airlines
N44KJ	Gulfstream VI	
N76064	Boeing 767-400ER	United Airlines
N76065	Boeing 767-400ER	United Airlines
OE-GAS	Gulfstream G150	Avcon Jet
OE-IHK	CL-604	International Jet Management
OE-LAI	Gulfstream IV-X	Global Jet Austria
OE-LEZ	Airbus A321-200	Niki
OE-LIC	Dash 8-300	Intersky
OH-LVB	Airbus A319-100	Finnair
OY-KFF	CRJ 900	SAS
P4-PPP	Gulfstream V-SP	Orgjet
S5-AAK	CRJ 900ER	Adria Airways
SP-LDC	Embraer 170STD	LOT Polish Airlines
TC-JRP	Airbus A321-200	Turkish Airlines
TC-SNM	Boeing 737-800	SunExpress

TC-VPG	CL-300	Palmali Air
YL-BBJ	Boeing 737-300	Air Baltic
YU-APH	Airbus A320-200	Air Serbia

Plus:

\*Edelweiss Air A330-300;

\*Helvetic Airways Fokker 100;

\*Swiss A320-200/A321-100/A330-300/A340-300;

\*Other common western European narrowbody airliners.

This morning we decided to skip P3 and made sure we were at the spotting hill near runway 14 at 7AM sharp. After a few nice hours over there we spend the first half of the afternoon at P6 again. Once back in our apartment we found out about the tragedy of Malaysia Airlines flight 17...

### 18 July 2014 Zürich-Kloten LSZH

9V-SKG	Airbus A380-800	Singapore Airlines
A6-EDX	Airbus A380-800	Emirates
A9C-HAK	Boeing 747SP	Government of Bahrain
B-8131	Gulfstream V-SP	Hanergy
CS-DHP	Cessna 550B	Netjets Europe
D-AGWE	Airbus A319-100	Germanwings
D-AIPT	Airbus A320-200	Germanwings
D-CHRA	Cessna 525C	Hahn Air
EC-JXJ	Airbus A319-100	Iberia
G-ISLF	ATR 42-500	Blue Islands
G-SPUR	Cessna 550	London Executive Aviation
HB-ACA	ATR 72-200	Etihad Regional
HB-FOX	Pilatus PC-12/45	Lions Air
HB-IZX	Saab 2000	Darwin Airline
HB-IZZ	Saab 2000	Darwin Airline
HB-LUV	Cessna T303	303 Flyers
HB-VOU	Cessna 560XL	Premium Jet / Alpine Sky Jets
HS-TND	Airbus A340-600	Thai Airways
JY-AYM	Airbus A319-100	Royal Jordanian
LZ-BUR	Embraer 190STD	Bulgaria Air
N106CX	Cessna 750	Wilkes & McHugh/Mike's Airplane Rentals
N1605	Boeing 767-300ER	Delta
N350AN	Boeing 767-300ER	American Airlines
N600GK	Cessna 525	
OE-ILI	CL-850	VistaJet
OE-ISF	CL-850	International Jet Management
OE-LBX	Airbus A320-200	Austrian Airlines
OE-LES	Airbus A321-200	Niki
OY-KFH	CRJ 900	SAS
SP-EQH	Dash 8-400	Eurolot
TC-AAO	Boeing 737-800	Pegasus
TC-AAR	Boeing 737-800	Pegasus
TC-JSC	Airbus A321-200	Turkish Airlines
TC-SNF	Boeing 737-800	SunExpress
TC-VEL	Airbus A310-300F	ULS Cargo
VP-CAM	Falcon 2000LX	
YL-BBC	Airbus A320-200	Tailwind
YU-API	Airbus A319-100	Air Serbia

Plus:

\*Swiss A319-100/A320-200/A330-300/A340-300/BAe 146-RJ100;

\*Other common western European narrowbody airliners.

The final morning at Zürich was also spent at the hill near runway 14. Thanks to its arrival on time (and not half an hour early like the previous days) we finally managed to

capture the Thai Airways A340. This morning we had to leave the spotting hill earlier than usual due to the checkout time of our apartment. So after getting our luggage we spent the rest of the morning and first part of the afternoon on both multi-storey car parks before boarding a Jumbolino in Star Alliance c/s to Munich.

### **18 July 2014 Munich-Franz Josef Strauss EDDM**

D-CAWM	Cessna 560XLS+	Aerowest
D-CELI	Cessna 550B	Euro Link
D-IANA	Beech 200	Dix Aviation
D-IICE	Beech 200	Euro Link
HB-IYU	BAe 146-RJ100	Swiss
I-ADJS	Embraer 195LR	Air Dolomiti
JA814A	Boeing 787-8	ANA All Nippon Airways
OE-LVA	Fokker 100	Austrian Airlines

Plus:

\*Lufthansa (Regional) narrowbody airliners and A340-600

All this was seen during a one and a half hour transfer at Munich. Then it was off to Rotterdam in another aircraft in Star Alliance c/s: a CRJ700.

### **18 July 2014 Rotterdam-Zestienhoven EHRD**

D-ACPT	CRJ 701ER	Lufthansa Regional
G-CDEB	Saab 2000	British Airways
G-MAXP	BAe 125-800XP	Xclusive Jet Charter

The trip ended at a sunny and hot Rotterdam Airport at 7.15PM.

All in all I can draw the following conclusion after this trip. Zürich-Kloten is a very spotting-friendly airport (despite the name...). There are a lot of good spotting points and we did not even visit all of them. The good public transportation network combined with healthy walks make expensive car rental a waste of money, especially because you don't really need stairs. The airport has a good website including aircraft registrations in the daily timetables for scheduled passenger flights. The weather forecast did not disappoint us: we only had some clouds on Tuesday morning, but thereafter it was sunny the entire time. Even though it was more than 30 degrees Celsius in the afternoon, haze did not play a role most of the time (something you'd expect otherwise). This resulted in a huge amount of pictures of (Swiss) airliners and some bizjets as well. Unfortunately the two government planes couldn't be photographed well: The UAE A320 was parked at the apron on the west side of runway 16-34 during our entire stay. The Bahrain B747SP arrived Thursday late afternoon or evening without our knowledge and left while we were boarding our plane to Munich.