**Transcript**

**CASA Safety Video - Stay OnTrack flying the Gold Coast region (5 minutes 16 seconds)**

Sierra India Hotel confirming cleared visual approach. Sierra India Hotel runway one four clear to land.

When flying into the Gold Coast you've got two main entry points that you will track via, one being Hastings Point which is a very visible area because it's a headland and it juts out from the coastline, the second being Murwillumbah which is a little bit further to the West, more closely to Mount Warning.

Both points you would enter via at 1,500 ft and prior to that you will need to obtain a code from Brisbane Centre for a seamless transition either transiting the zone or for an arrival at the Gold Coast, you would need to have a flight plan put into the system, so that's very much a Class C objective is to enter a flight plan through the NAIPS system and that way it will ensure that you get a smooth transition receiving your code from Brisbane Centre, getting identified and then reporting at the reporting point to the Gold Coast on 118 decimal 7 for a further clearance.

Gold Coast tower Sierra India Hotel Cessna 172 is abeam Q1 maintaining 1500 in receipt of Juliet inbound request clearance. Sierra India Hotel tower cleared southbound over water at 1,500. Cleared southbound over water 1,500 Sierra India Hotel.

When entering the Gold Coast from the north, again there is two main reporting points that you will find, one coastal which is the Q1 which is a large high-rise building amongst the Surfers Paradise skyline. It's very identifiable due to the lightning rod that sits on top of the building and it's also one of the largest buildings along the skyline, the second being Robina town centre and the best way to enter that is following the M1 highway which is very visible and just about two to three miles to the north of Robina town centre is the Robina football stadium.

From there just to the south of it you'll see the Robina town centre is quite identifiable and from there that you will contact the tower approaching it for your airways clearance into the Gold Coast. Gold Coast tower Sierra India Hotel Cessna 172 is Robina town centre maintaining 1,500 in receipt of Juliet inbound request clearance. Sierra India Hotel from Robina town centre enter controlled airspace on a heading of 140 visual at 1,500. To control airspace maintaining 1,500 a heading of one four zero visual Sierra India Hotel.

But remember prior to this you must need to be identified and receive a code from Brisbane Centre and that will really require you to have had a flight plan in the system before you've even taken off on your daily flight and that'll ensure that there'll be no delays as you're entering or trying to enter or transit the Gold Coast zone.

When approaching from the north into the Gold Coast it is a high traffic area, so there are a lot of movements, so some places to pay particular attention too is the Southport airfield which is a CTAF and a private airfield so there are movements that go in and out of there, VFR traffic will be departing at around that sort of 1,000 to 1,500 ft which is generally at the height that you'll be on your inbound, listening out and broadcasting on the appropriate frequency, remembering that a CTAF requires a 10-mile call with your intentions.

The other high traffic area is when you're approaching the Sea World theme park where they do joy flights out of there quite regularly, so there are based out of helicopters and they do and operate around that area do be aware of those they often transmit their intentions on the Southport CTAF which is 119 decimal zero and also monitoring the appropriate Brisbane Centre frequency and they will when possible give you some traffic separation where they can, although it is not a requirement.

The Brisbane Centre Cessna 172 Sierra India Hotel is overhead Southport maintaining a 1,500 inbound for the Gold Coast request code. Sierra India Hotel Centre remain outside Class Charlie airspace Squawk code 1661 QNH of the Gold Coast one zero zero eight. Remain OCTA swarm one six six one QNH one zero zero eight Sierra India Hotel.

Sierra India Hotel I have a VFR paint in your three o'clock position two and a half miles, currently seven hundred feet maybe a helicopter that's just departed out of Sea World, level is unverified height intentions unknown. Copy the traffic I'll make a left-hand turn.

Once you have been accepted into Gold Coast airspace, you do need to be aware that there is a lot of RPT traffic that does arrive in and out, so arrivals and departures, just to be careful and remember that you do need to maintain separation from wake turbulence from these aircraft, flying slightly higher than their approach path on final and landing a little bit longer than their touchdown zones will ensure that you should be able to avoid any upset from their weight turbulence.

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