

## Taos Air

Taos Air was a virtual airline, managed by Advanced Air, that operated seasonal scheduled public air charter service from the Taos Regional Airport to Austin and Dallas in Texas as well as to Los Angeles and San Diego in California. The aircraft used were owned by the Taos Ski Valley. Taos Air first began flights during the 2018/2019 ski season using a single Dornier 328Jet operated by Ultimate Jet Charters and painted as Taos Air. The Taos Ski Valley then purchased this aircraft along with a second Dornier 328Jet and entered into an agreement with Advanced Air to manage the service. Flights resumed for the 2019/2020 ski season to Austin and Dallas (Love Field Airport) and new service was added to Los Angeles, via the Hawthorne, California airport, and to San Diego, via the Carlsbad, California airport. New service for the summer of 2020 as well as all service for the 2020/2021 ski season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. Seasonal summer service then began in 2021 and the regular ski season service resumed in the winter of 2021/2022. By the summer of 2022, flights to Austin began operating through the Austin Executive Airport rather than the Bergstrom International Airport. All service ended after the summer 2022 season and new service began using JSX Air with the winter 2022/2023 season.



Taos Air Fairchild Dornier 328Jet at the Taos Regional Airport.



Taos Air route map

Further details on Ultimate Jet Charters and Advanced Air are shown below. Service by JSX Air can be found under the JSX Air link.



## **Ultimate Air Shuttle**

Ultimate Jet Charters, dba Ultimate Air Shuttle, was a public charter airline established in 2009 and based at the Lunken Airport serving Cincinnati, Ohio. The carrier operated scheduled flights from Cincinnati to several major cities and has operated charter flights to Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Roswell, New Mexico. Ultimate flew Fairchild Dornier 328Jet and Embraer-135 regional jets.

For the ski season of December 20, 2018 through March 31, 2019, Ultimate operated scheduled public charter flights under the name Taos Air on three days per week from Taos to Dallas, Love Field Airport, and Austin, Texas using the Dornier 328Jet. The operation was supported by the city of Taos and the Taos Ski Valley. The service was planned to resume for the summer season from June 27 through September 22, 2019 as well as for future ski seasons however the contract between the Taos Ski Valley and Ultimate Jet Charters was cancelled. Taos Air resumed service for the 2019/2020 ski season under a new contract with Advanced Air. Ultimate Air Shuttle suspended all of its operations at the end of 2021.



Ultimate Air Shuttle Fairchild Dornier 328Jet at the Taos Regional Airport.



## Advanced Air

Advanced Air was established in 2005 and is based in Hawthorne, California. The carrier performed private charters exclusively until early 2019 when it began commercial flights. In the fall of 2019, Advanced Air was contracted through the Taos Ski Valley to manage Taos Air, a virtual public charter airline with winter and summer seasonal service from Taos, New Mexico to Austin and Dallas, Texas as well as to Carlsbad and Hawthorne, California. Two, 30-seat, Fairchild Dornier 328 Regional Jets were purchased by the Taos Ski Valley and painted with the markings of Taos Air. When the Taos Air aircraft were unavailable, Advanced Airlines would substitute their own aircraft. The operation ended after the summer 2022 season and the Taos Ski Valley began working with JSX Air for air service beginning with the 2022/2023 winter ski season.



Advanced Air Fairchild Dornier 328Jet at the Taos Regional Airport.