

The listed vignettes show how the Circuitous Travel process can aid the Marine with or without dependents in obtaining travel routes not typically utilized by the government. Please note that any costs over and above what the government would pay for travel, using the normal routes, are paid by the Marine. Any additional costs associated with pet movement via Air Mobility Command-Patriot Express (AMC-PE) routing and/or by commercial circuitous routing are borne solely by the Marine and cannot be reimbursed by the government.

VIGNETTE #1.

PCS Okinawa, Japan to Quantico, VA, with leave en route to Jamaica:

A Marine with dependents that is currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan, with orders to PCS to Quantico, VA, would like to vacation in Montego Bay, Jamaica for 10 days and needs to request approval for Circuitous Travel. This request is necessary because the requested travel route deviates from the normal authorized route of Okinawa, Japan on AMC-PE contracted flight to Seattle, WA and then by commercial airlines directly to Quantico, VA.

The Marine prepares the Circuitous Travel Request, per CG, MCIPAC guidance, and the Camp Butler Distribution Management Office (DMO) estimates ticket cost of \$1,500.00 per family member for official PCS travel. The DMO also provides estimated ticket cost for "circuitous" routing to Jamaica to be \$1,650 per person.

Since the cost of the circuitous routing is greater than the cost for normal authorized route, the Marine must Certify on the Circuitous Travel Request their direct understanding of complete Personal Responsibility to pay the difference of \$150.00 per ticket at his/her personal expense, upon approval of the Circuitous Travel Request.

The Marine then proceeds to the Travel Management Company (TMC), typically located in the DMO, and can exchange the government provided tickets for commercial tickets and pay the difference in cost per ticket to the TMC.

If the Marine is traveling with a pet, he/she calls the airline directly to make booking and is subject to any airline restrictions.

VIGNETTE #2.

PCS Okinawa, Japan to Camp Pendleton, CA, with leave en route to Hawaii:

An unaccompanied (without dependents) Marine currently stationed Okinawa, Japan, with orders to PCS to Camp Pendleton, CA, would like to vacation in Honolulu Hawaii for 8 days, prior to signing in for duty and needs to request approval for Circuitous Travel. This request is necessary because the requested travel route deviates from the normal routing of Okinawa, Japan on the AMC-PE to Seattle, WA and then onward movement to San Diego, CA by commercial airline carrier.

The Marine prepares the Circuitous Travel Request, per CG, MCIPAC guidance, and Camp Butler, DMO estimates ticket cost to be \$1,600.00 per family member for official PCS travel portion. Additionally, the DMO also provides estimated ticket cost for the "circuitous" routing to Hawaii to be \$1,870.00 per person.

Since the cost of the circuitous routing is greater than the cost for normal authorized route, the Marine must Certify on the Circuitous Travel Request their direct understanding of complete Personal Responsibility to pay the difference of \$270.00 per ticket at his/her personal expense, upon approval of the Circuitous Travel Request.

The Marine may then proceed to the TMC, typically located in the DMO, and can exchange the government provided tickets for commercial airline tickets and pay the difference in cost per ticket to the TMC.

If the Marine is traveling with a pet, he/she simply calls the airline directly to arrange a pet space reservation/booking subject to current airline policy and restrictions.