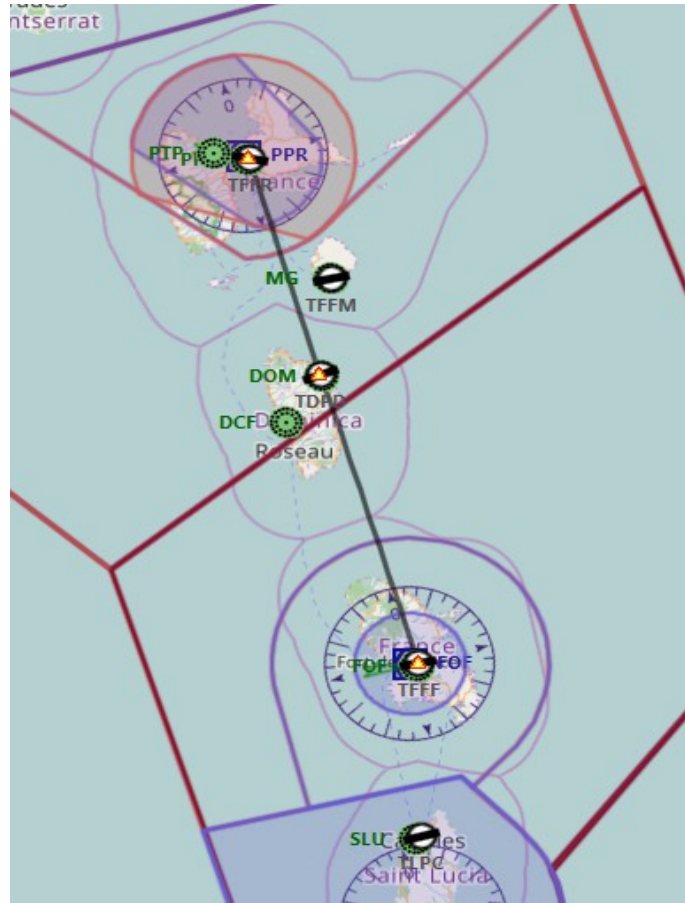


The **CIX** VFR Club

Christmas Caper – 2017

The Twelve Days of CiXmas

On the Ninth Day of CiXmas.....



..... we bid a sad, yet fond, farewell to the island of Guadeloupe, the home of BBC's TV series Death in Paradise. We pay a brief visit to Melville Hall on the island of Domenica, then head straight over to Le Lamentin, the international airport of Martinique. The runway is of a length that can accommodate large jets, though there is no currently scheduled 747 flights to the facility. That said, on at least two occasions, Concorde flew from Paris and landed at the airport in Martinique. The island is volcanic in origin & the oldest rocks are andesitic lavas dated to about 24 million years ago, mixed with tholeiitic magma containing iron and magnesium. Mont Pelée, the island's most dramatic feature, was formed about 400,000 years ago. Pelée erupted in 1792, 1851, and twice in 1902. The eruption of 8 May 1902, destroyed Saint-Pierre and killed 28,000 people in 2 minutes; that of 30 August 1902 caused nearly 1,100 deaths, mostly in Morne-Red and Ajoupa-Bouillon.

The Route

Leg 1	TFFR (Le Raizet) to TDPD (Melville Hall)	45 nms
Leg 2	TDPD (Melville Hall) to TFFF (Le Lamentin)	60 nms

Today's trip is 105 nms and flying time at 140 kts will be in the region of 45 minutes. As there is only the one stop *en route*, the day's flying should be finished within 90 minutes or so.