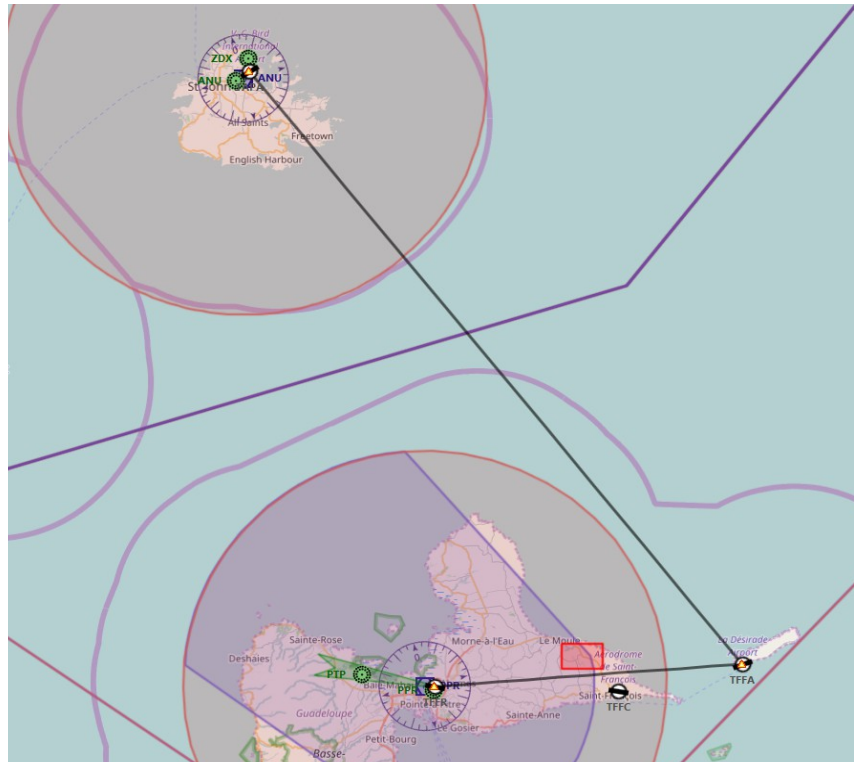


The **CIX** VFR Club

Christmas Caper – 2017

The Twelve Days of CiXmas

On the Seventh Day of CiXmas.....



..... we fly off to Guadeloupe. Firstly, we shall call briefly on Desirade on the island of La Desirade and then we shall make our way to Le Raizet, the main airport of Guadeloupe. The airport is located in Abymes, just over a mile to the north east of Pointe-à-Pitre. It is the main hub for Air Caraibes and Air Antilles Express. Air France has also two A320's based in Point-à-Pitre for regional flights. It is the largest of the six airports in the archipelago. In 2015, the airport handled 2 089 763 passengers; it is the second busiest airport in the Lesser Antilles after Queen Beatrix International Airport located in Aruba. The airport was also one of the first to handle the first A380 prototype in the 2nd week of January 2006, for 2 days. The same year, the airport celebrated its 40th anniversary.

This island is the setting for the BBC TV series 'Death in Paradise', and is renamed Saint Marie for the series. The island is made up of two connecting islands, Basse-Terre and Grand-Terre. Basse-Terre is the less developed and where most of the filming takes place. Guadeloupe, which is an overseas region of France, has French as it's official language..

The Route

Leg 1	TAPA (V C Bird International) to TFFA (La Desirade)	65 nms
Leg 2	TFFA (La Desirade) to TFFR (Le Raizet)	26 nms

This days flying is 91 nms and flying time at 140 kts will be in the region of 40 minutes. But as you are well aware, there are things to be done, so plan for approximately 2 hours for the trip.