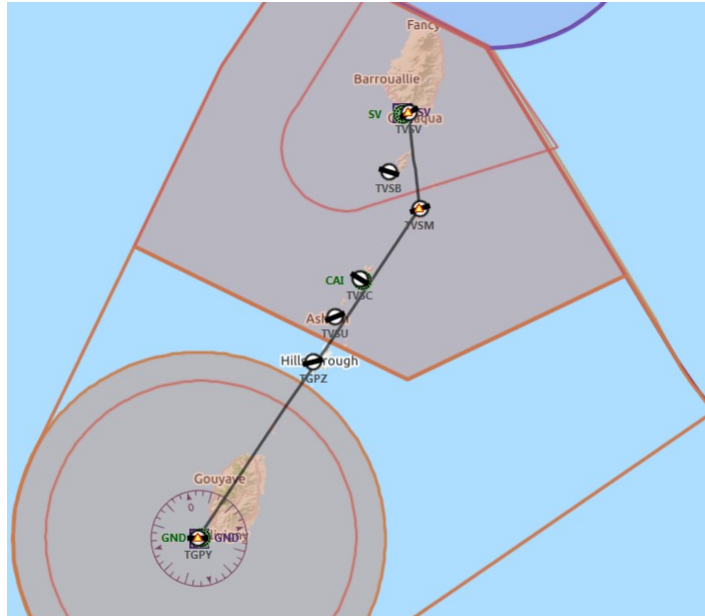


# The **CIX** VFR Club

## Christmas Caper – 2017

### The Twelve Days of CiXmas

**On the Eleventh Day of CiXmas.....**



.....we depart the 'closed' airport of ET Joshua and head initially for the island of Mustique. The island was once a favourite holiday haunt of Princess Margaret. Other notable visitors to the island include Prince William & Kate Middleton, Mick Jagger & David Bowie. A villa can be hired for as little as \$55,000 a week, should you feel the need. Credit card firmly in pocket & pleasantries exchanged, we then make for the island of Grenada.

On September 7, 2004, after being hurricane-free for 49 years, the island was directly hit by Hurricane Ivan. Ivan struck as a Category 3 hurricane and damaged or destroyed 90% of the island's homes. On July 14, 2005, Hurricane Emily a Category 1 hurricane at the time, struck the northern part of the island with 80-knot (150km/h; 92mph) winds, causing an estimated USD \$110 million worth of damage. By December 2005, 96% of all hotel rooms were open for business and have been upgraded in facilities and strengthened to an improved building code. The agricultural industry and in particular the nutmeg industry suffered serious losses, but that event has begun changes in crop management and it is hoped that as new nutmeg trees gradually mature, the industry will return to its pre-Ivan position as a major supplier in the Western world.

#### **The Route**

Leg 1	TVSV (ET Joshua) to TVSM (Mustique Island)	16 nms
Leg 2	TVSM (Mustique Island) to TGPY (Point Salines International)	64 nms

Today's trip is 80 nms and flying time at 140 kts will be in the region of 34 minutes. Today's flying is somewhat boring, being relieved by the single stop at Hewanorra airport. However, if you are flying with a colleague, there will be plenty of time for a chat!