

# The World's Best Hang Gliding And Paragliding Cross Country Routes

Do you have a thirst for adventure? Are you looking to experience the world from a bird's-eye view? Hang gliding and paragliding are two exhilarating sports that allow you to soar through the sky, feeling the rush of wind against your face and the freedom of flying like a bird. Whether you are a seasoned pilot looking for new challenges or a beginner seeking an unforgettable experience, we have compiled a list of the world's best hang gliding and paragliding cross country routes that will take you on the journey of a lifetime.

## 1. The Golden Triangle, New South Wales, Australia



The Golden Triangle in New South Wales, Australia, is a must-visit destination for hang gliders and paragliders. This route offers breathtaking panoramic views, diverse landscapes, and the perfect mix of flying conditions. Starting from Byron

Bay, you will glide over beautiful countryside, coastal regions, and majestic mountains. This route is known for its thermals, allowing you to soar high and cover long distances. Make sure to keep your camera handy, as you will witness stunning sunrises and sunsets along the way.



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## 2. Chamonix to Mont Blanc, France



If you are seeking an adrenaline-filled adventure, look no further than the route from Chamonix to Mont Blanc in France. This region is a playground for extreme sports enthusiasts, offering challenging flying conditions and unmatched natural beauty. As you glide through the valleys, you can witness the grandeur of the French Alps and the picturesque charm of alpine villages. This route requires a certain level of skill and experience, but the rewards are well worth it. Prepare to be awe-inspired by the stunning vistas and the sense of accomplishment as you conquer this challenging cross country route.

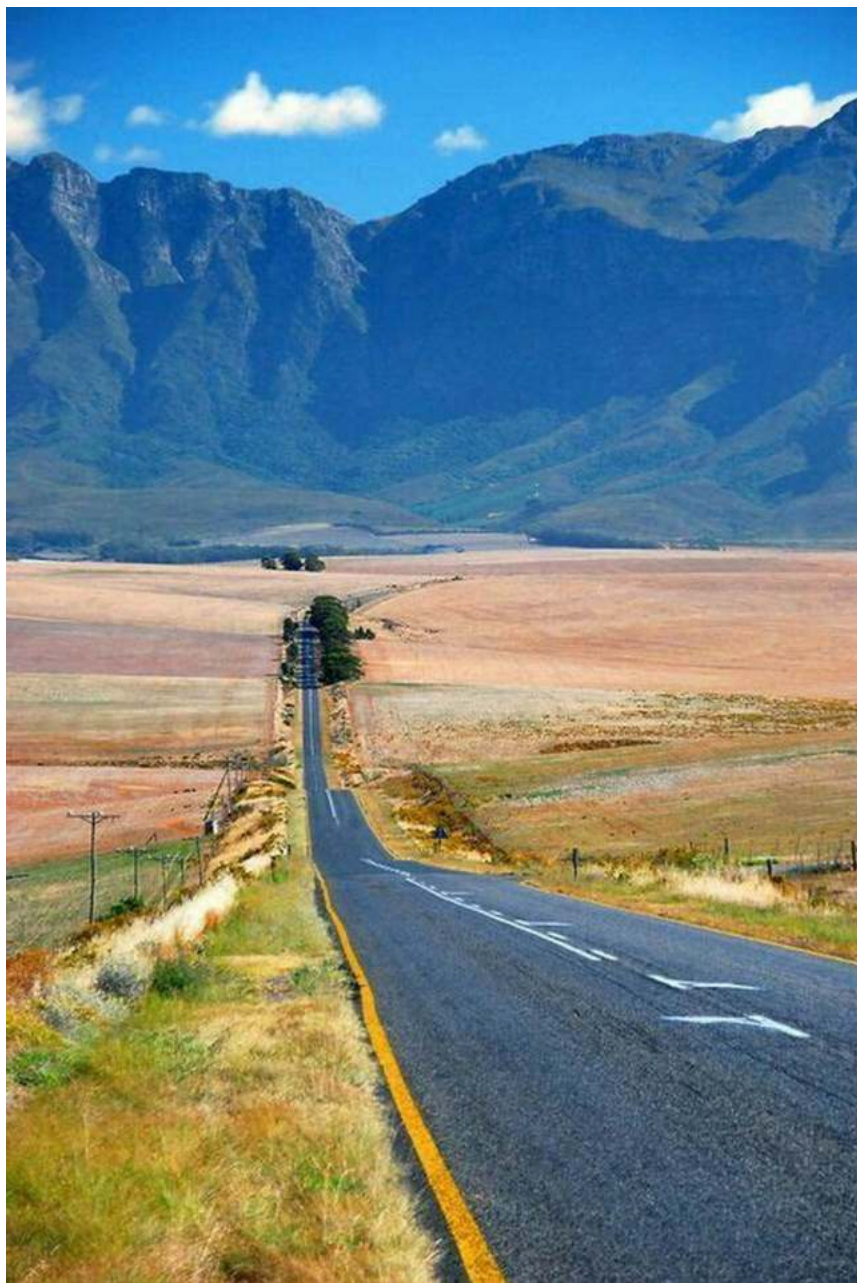
### **3. Oludeniz, Turkey**



If you dream of paragliding above crystal-clear turquoise waters and lush green landscapes, Oludeniz in Turkey should be on your bucket list. This popular destination offers perfect flying conditions, breathtaking views, and a vibrant paragliding community. Soar above the stunning Blue Lagoon, a serene paradise that will leave you in awe. The thermals in Oludeniz are known for their consistency, providing a smooth and enjoyable flight experience. To add to the

charm, you can land directly on the beach, where you can celebrate your flight with fellow pilots and relax in the Mediterranean sunshine.

#### **4. The Overberg, Western Cape, South Africa**



For those looking for a cross country route that combines natural beauty, wildlife encounters, and thrilling flying conditions, the Overberg in Western Cape, South Africa has it all. This expansive region offers a diverse landscape, from rugged

mountains and fertile valleys to coastal stretches and nature reserves. As you glide through the sky, you may spot herds of wildlife or enjoy the sight of whales breaching in the ocean. This route is popular among experienced pilots due to its challenging flying conditions, but it rewards adventurers with breathtaking vistas and the opportunity to witness the incredible biodiversity of South Africa.

## **5. Pokhara to Manaslu, Nepal**



Nepal is known for its majestic Himalayan peaks and is a dream destination for mountaineers. However, it is also a hidden gem for hang gliders and paragliders. The route from Pokhara to Manaslu offers a thrilling and unforgettable flight experience that showcases the mesmerizing beauty of the Himalayas. As you soar among some of the highest mountains in the world, you will be in awe of the snow-capped peaks, deep valleys, and remote villages below. This cross country route is recommended for experienced pilots due to the high altitudes and unpredictable weather conditions, but the unique perspective you get from flying here is worth every challenge.

The world is full of incredible hang gliding and paragliding cross country routes that offer an unmatched sense of adventure and freedom. Whether you want to fly over majestic mountains, coastal regions, or serene lagoons, there is a route out there waiting for you. Take your flying skills to new heights, witness stunning vistas, and create unforgettable memories along the way. Choose your next destination, pack your gear, and get ready to embark on an extraordinary journey through the skies.



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Described as the new "bible" for pilots Classic Routes is the ultimate guidebook to the world's ultimate free flight destinations. Whether you fly a lightweight paraglider or a topless hang glider, there is something in this book for you.

Published by the makers of Cross Country Magazine, the international paragliding and hang gliding magazine, and edited by Bob Drury, Classic Routes

is a unique tour through 20 of the world's premier free flight destinations.

From the classic 90km Bingara Run in Manilla, Australia, to flying the convergence line in Piedrahita, Spain, to the Grand Tour of Annecy to chasing miles in Governador Valadares, Brazil, many of the world's best-known sites are all in here.

Each chapter is written by a pilot who has flown the route and is familiar with the territory. They explain how you can fly it too, and what to look for along the way. House thermals are pointed out, secret glide lines explained, intricate meteorology unravelled and local rules unveiled.

However, you don't have to be embarking on a world tour to get full advantage of Classic Routes. The book stands alone as a unique teaching and learning aid, explaining better than any textbook how to fly cross country. It lets you see inside the heads of pilots like Will Gadd or Jocky Sanderson as they reveal the tricks of their trade and share their secrets.

The print version of Classic Routes is a classic coffee table book, with beautiful photography laid out over 200 pages. This digital version has been reformatted specifically for the Kindle, and features all the articles and chapters just as they are in the book, but without all the gorgeous photos available in the print version.

You don't have to be an adventure sports enthusiast or an extreme sports addict to enjoy this book, or even a paraglider pilot or hang glider pilot – armchair travellers and sofa adventurers will enjoy the well written tales, which are written by some of the best writers in the sport.

The list of places featured and who wrote them includes:



## Americas

- Will Gadd steps into the Rocky Mountain Trench for a 100km classic in Golden, Canada
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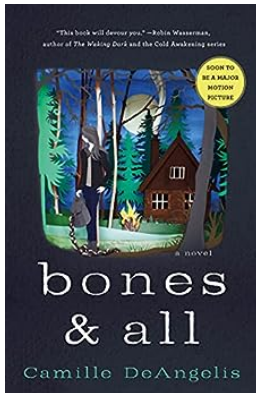
## Rest of the world

- Greg Hamerton goes for 133km in Porterville, South Africa's most popular site
- Adam Hill takes us by the hand around the Korchon Circuit in Pokhara, Nepal
- Jim Mallinson flies along the mountains from Bir to Dharamsala on an Indian Himalayan classic

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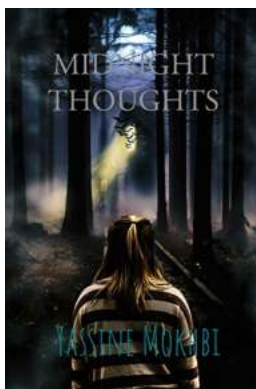
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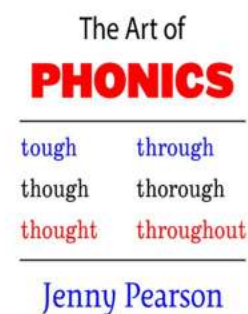
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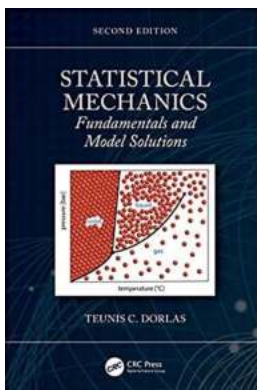
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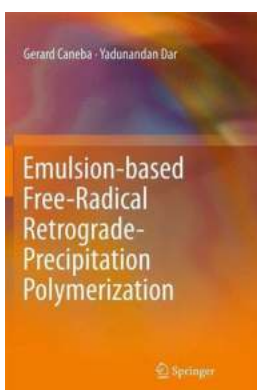
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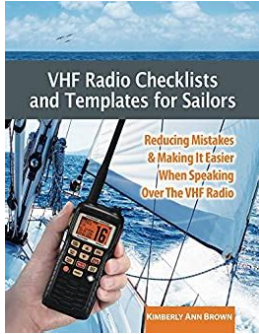
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