



1. Barra Airport (United Kingdom)

Barra Airport is the airport serving the [Scottish](#) island of Barra. This airport has three unusual runways that are all located on the beach. This means airplanes can only land at low tide, at high tide aircraft can't land or take off. The airport can only be used by smaller aircrafts. Barra Airport is one of two airports worldwide with a runway on the beach. Another unusual feature is the landing procedure at night; cars parked at the airport use their lights to illuminate the runway.



2. Corfu Airport (Greece)

Corfu Airport is a small airport located on the [Greek](#) island of Corfu (or Kerkyra). The airport only has one but rather unusual runway, which is largely located in the sea. There is a dam at the southern end of the runway, where the pilots need to fly over at low altitude. The runway of [Corfu Airport](#) is made of asphalt and has a length of 2.373 metres. For plane spotters, it is a special place to spot aircrafts.



3. Courchevel Airport (France)

Courchevel Airport is located in the [French](#) Alps, and only has one runway. It is one of the shortest in the world with a length of 525 metres. Due to its impractical location at an altitude of 2000 metres in the mountains, half the unusual runway has a gradient of 18.5%. As a result, take-offs can only be made downhill and landings uphill, making a touch and go landing impossible. Only specially trained pilots are allowed to fly to this destination. Nowadays the airport is only used by helicopters and small Cessna's.



4. Genoa Airport (Italy)

Genoa Airport is located in the port of the [Italian](#) city of Genoa. In full this airport is called Genoa Cristoforo Colombo Airport, named after the world-famous explorer Christopher Columbus. [Genoa Airport](#) is built on an artificial peninsula and has an unusual runway, made of bitumen. The length of the runway is 2.916 metres. In 2017, 19.114 aircrafts landed on or took off from this runway.



5. Gibraltar Airport (Gibraltar)

Gibraltar Airport is the airport that serves the [British](#) overseas territory of Gibraltar. This unusual runway runs parallel with the Spanish border. The length of the runway is only 1.800 metres, even though it has already been extended claiming part of the Bay of Gibraltar. Winston Churchill Avenue, the connecting road between Gibraltar and Spain and also the busiest main road of Gibraltar, intersects the airport runway. The road closes to traffic for the aircraft to pass; barrier comes down for pedestrians and cars when approaching planes are about to land or take off.



6. London City Airport (United Kingdom)

[London City Airport](#) was opened in 1987 and is now a base for British Airways. This airport is the most central airport in London and also the smallest of the six London airports in terms of size. [London Southend Airport](#) is the smallest in terms of passenger passing through per year. Because this unusual runway is only 1.508 metres long, only smaller aircrafts are allowed to conduct operations at this London business airport.



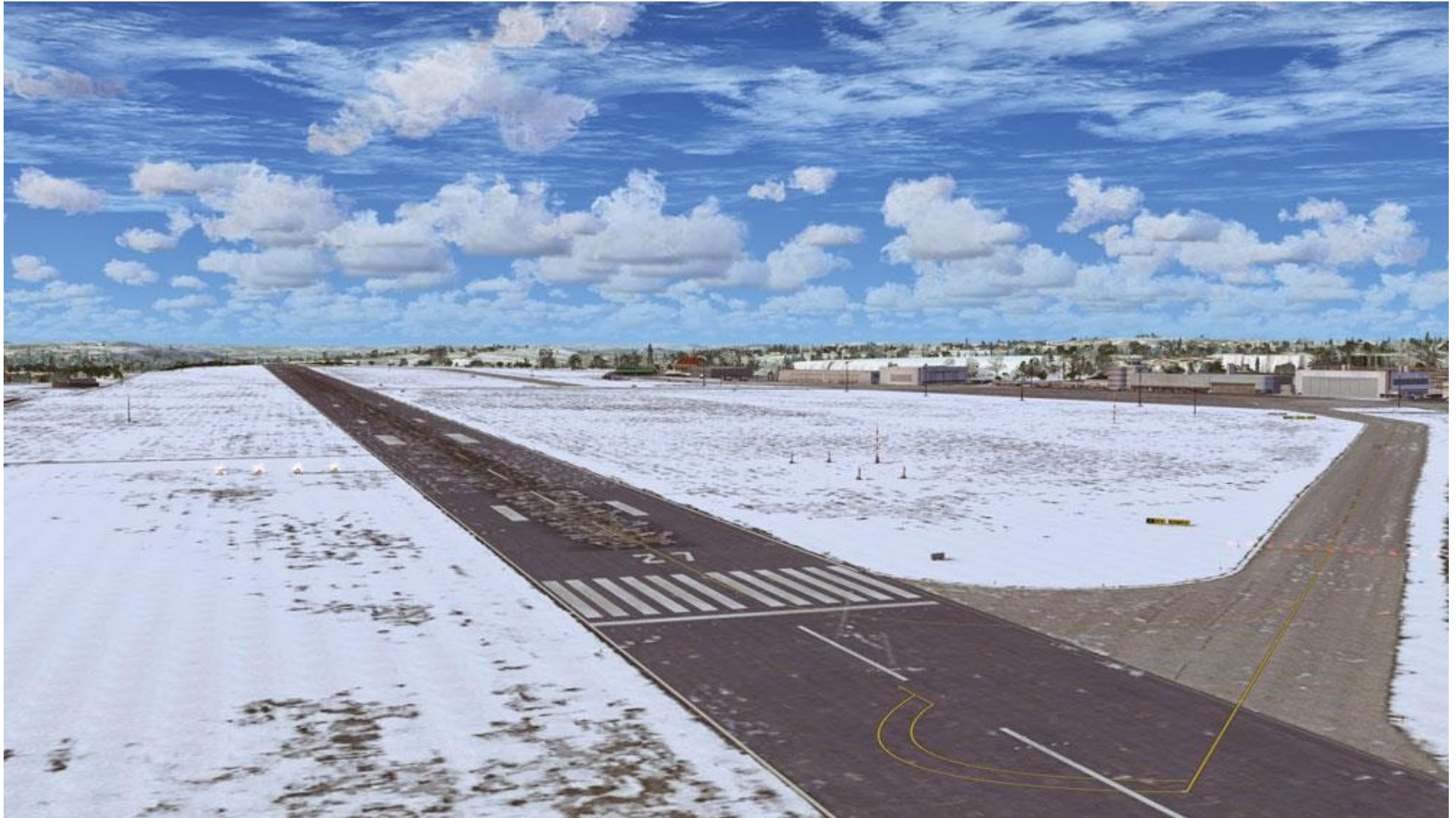
7. Madeira airport (Portugal)

The runway of [Madeira Airport](#) on the Portuguese island of [Madeira](#) is both fascinating and dangerous. This unusual runway is located between the Atlantic Ocean and a mountain, allowing only specially trained pilots to land on Madeira. Just before landing the pilot has to make a turn to the right, in order to make a good approach. In 2000 this runway was reconstructed and extended from 1.600 metres to 2.781 metres.



8. Nice Airport (France)

[Nice Airport](#) is located at the Côte d'Azur in the southwest of the [French](#) city of Nice. It is the third busiest airport in passenger and aircraft movements in France. The airport has two runways, which are located on an artificial peninsula. Both runways are made of asphalt, one has a length of 2.570 metres, the other is 2.960 metres long.



9. Saarbrücken Airport (Germany)

Saarbrücken Airport is located in the western part of [Germany](#), near the French border. This airport, founded in 1964, has an unusual runway with a length of 2.000 metres made of asphalt, built on a plateau. Next to this runway there is a short grass runway where planes can land and take off. This unusual runway is only 545 metres long. Saarbrücken Airport is located at an altitude of 322 metres.



10. Trabzon Airport (Turkey)

Parallel to the coastline of the Black Sea lies the [Turkish](#) airport [Trabzon Airport](#), 180 kilometres from the [Georgian](#) border. The airport has one runway made of asphalt and is located on a plateau between the Black Sea and the road. The length of this unusual runway is 2.640 metres. The chance that you will land here is fairly small, as Trabzon Airport is mainly used for domestic flights.



Saba Airport / Dutch Caribbean

Located on the island of Saba, the original King Kong movie island lies Juancho E. Yrausquin Airport, known to have one of the world's shortest commercial airport runways. At only 1,300 feet long, only well-trained pilots are allowed to fly in the area. The approach is almost at a cliff, alongside the jagged terrain of Saba and then a sharp bank left before an immediate landing.



Congonhas Airport / Sao Paulo, Brazil

Sao Paulo's Congonhas airport is well known to pilots for its short runway and dangerous approach.

It is located in a heavily built-up part of the huge city and gives you the impression that you are scraping the tops of high rise buildings as you land. The runways are also considered the most slippery in the world and have resulted in a large number of fatal crashes.



Telluride Regional Airport

Telluride is the highest-elevation commercial airport in America at 9,070 feet. It also features 1,000-foot sheer cliffs on both ends of the runway and strong vertical turbulence during winter months caused by the mountain winds. I have flown into this airport many times and it is for sure a white-knuckle experience.



Taking off on the runway at Matekane Air Strip in Lesotho is a little like a mother bird pushing its baby out of a nest and hoping it will fly. Perched high in the mountains, the runway is a measly 1,300 feet long. The drop at its end, however, is a staggering 2,000 feet.

The runway is often used by charity organisations and doctors to access remote villages in the area. They take their lives in their own hands to save the lives of others.

<https://www.wanderlust.co.uk/content/world-s-scariest-airports/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OykXhUK2So4> – 17 scariest airports and landings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ph96mgIVIGI> – landings

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_8t751BldA – landing French alps

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCEXaYsjSdw> – landing peru

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QbWCB8AzLA> landing Iceland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXECFuWzokQ> landing Columbia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHAP8p2ZM9k> – take off and landings