

So we're off, sitting in the doorway of a special converted South African single engine crop-duster. The inside is stripped out with just the carpet providing the full luxury interior fittings with strap hangers bolted to the interior fuselage. The sole purpose of these I discover is to ensure as many sky divers as possible can be compressed inside of the fuselage and all is very cozy and off course for the novices who are first in, so there's no escaping!

So harnessed to a short Brit instructor with a cabin full of society's best, we begin the climb to twelve thousand feet, twelve thousand feet, isn't that above the clouds I asked? At this point, most of the instructors seemed to have gone deaf and then reality set in; I had joined a bunch of free fall junkies and was the only novice on board! Moving to the door was an art in itself but nothing had prepared me for the adrenaline rush this was only sitting in the open door frame looking down. Couldn't wait to jump and then rush really took hold bursting through the cloud at eight thousand feet to be greeted with tranquility only to be over taken by the fears about where the landing spot was and how we were going to get to it. All was good; I spotted Liz ready with the camera so it had to be good and it was the most perfect end to so far the most exciting thing on the "Aviation Bucket List", if you get the chance, go for it! The next adventure is PPL which I'm working on, flying around Florida. That's the next thing on the "list". Pleased to say that so far every landing has been extremely successful!





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