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Google releases free 'Google Earth' flight simulator – 18th June 2026

## Level 0

Google's flight simulator is now available to everyone. It was first released for desktops in 2007, but people had to download it. Now, it is browser based. There is no need to install anything. You will be able to fly anywhere using Google's maps. People may have problems "flying near ground level in regions below sea level".

To use the flight simulator, you open Google Earth and click on "Explore Earth". You then type where you want to fly to in the search bar, click on "Tools," and select "Flight simulator" from the drop-down menu. CNET.com said people can "fly to almost anywhere on Earth and check out various landmarks".

## Level 1

Google is making its flight simulator available to everyone. It was first released in 2007, but only for desktop versions of Google Earth. People had to download it. The new version is browser-based. There is no need to install anything. Google said: "The flight simulator is designed for casual exploration." You will be able to fly anywhere using Google's maps. People may have issues "when flying near ground level in regions below sea level".

To use the flight simulator, you need to open Google Earth and click on "Explore Earth". This takes you to a page with a picture of Earth. You then type where you want to fly to in the search bar. Then, you click on "Tools" in the menu bar and select "Flight simulator" from the drop-down menu. CNET.com wrote people can access "the entire Google Earth database, so you can fly to almost anywhere on Earth and check out various landmarks".

## Level 2

Google will make its flight simulator available to the public. The simulator was first released in 2007, but has only been on desktop versions of Google Earth. People had to download and install it. The new version is browser-based. Anyone can access it on a web browser. There is no need to install anything. Google said: "The flight simulator is designed for casual exploration." You will be able to fly anywhere using Google's maps. Google said people may experience issues "when flying near ground level in regions below sea level".

To use the flight simulator, you need to open Google Earth and click on "Explore Earth" in the top right corner. This takes you to a page with a picture of Earth against the black of space. You then choose where you want to fly around by typing your desired location in the search bar. To start flying, you need to click on "Tools" in the menu bar and then select "Flight simulator" from the drop-down menu. CNET.com wrote: "Google Earth's flight simulator has access to the entire Google Earth database, so you can fly to almost anywhere on Earth and check out various landmarks."

## Level 3

Google has announced it will make its flight simulator available to the public. The simulator has existed since 2007, but has only been on the desktop version of Google Earth. People had to download the program and install it on their desktop. The new version will be browser-based. Anyone can now access the flight simulator on a web browser, without having to download or install anything. On its website, Google said: "The flight simulator is designed for casual exploration rather than high-fidelity aerodynamic training." You will be able to fly all over the world using Google's map technology. Google said users may experience issues "when flying near ground level in regions below sea level".

To use the flight simulator, you will have to open the Google Earth website and click on the "Explore Earth" button in the top right corner. This will take you to a page showing a picture of Earth set against the black of space. You can then choose where in the world you want to fly to, from, or around by typing your desired location in the search bar. To start flying, you need to click on "Tools" in the menu bar and then select "Flight simulator" from the drop-down menu. The controls are shown on Google's developer website. CNET.com wrote: "Google Earth's flight simulator has access to the entire Google Earth database, so you can fly to almost anywhere on Earth and check out various landmarks."