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Private pilot from Hannover takes off to circumnavigate the world:

58,000 kilometres in 270 hours flying a Cessna

This circumnavigation is anything but something one would take for granted: Flying a single-engined small aeroplane, private pilot Uwe Thomas Carstensen from Hannover and his co-pilot Sebastian Rothammel set out to circumnavigate the globe in 80 days. At Langenhagen Airport, the two adventurers said their farewells on March 14 before taking off for their 58,000 kilometre voyage.

The first leg of 40 days will take them across the Balkans, the Middle East, India, Nepal, and South East Asia to Australia and New Zealand in their Cessna T206H. After a three-month break, the North German Crew will carry on their flight at the end of July, taking them across Japan, Russia, North America, and the seemingly endless ice masses of Greenland back to Hannover. The arrival in Lower Saxony is planned for September 14, 2007.

With their robust small aeroplane flying at an average transit speed of 150 km/h, the crew will fly across the Mediterranean, the Pacific and the Atlantic Ocean, cross the equator twice and fly over probably 30 countries. Landings are planned at 55 airfields. At each stopover, the pilots want to take their time to get to know the country and its inhabitants.

A passion for flying, a thirst for adventure and curiosity for the world and its population – this mix has encouraged Carstensen and Rothammel to make their dream come true.

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