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**Whether cowboys, geologists, reporters or doctors, these people's jobs take them soaring through the ether. A series of interviews with men and women the world over who have chosen the most beautiful workplace the planet has to offer: the sky.**

Besides being the natural preserve of dreams and birds, the sky is also a unique vantage point for a host of professionals that enjoy an unbeatable view of us as we go about our daily lives. Their aeroplanes and helicopters follow paths through the sky into inaccessible regions and secret or little-known worlds. Whether they are reporters, drug-squad officers or doctors, whether they are guiding ice-breakers along the Canadian coast, flying over active volcanoes, rounding up herds in Australia or watching over the Great Barrier Reef, this documentary series lets us in on their spectacular daily routine and their joy of flying.



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**It's February 2006 and the herring fishing season is about to begin.**

Every morning, Dave Gordon flies over the South East Alaskan coast near Sitka. He is a "fish-spotter" by trade, which means he locates fish and directs boats from up in the air. In the spring, the herrings come up from the depths of the sea to lay their eggs in sheltered creeks. The female eggs blend with the male semen, and in their wake, fifty ships get ready. The soft roe that suddenly changes the colour of the ocean can be located from up above, so aircraft is the best way to determine when egg-laying has begun. It is an ideal time for fishing, given that the Asian markets pay up to 900 dollars per ton of herring eggs. Welcome aboard Dave Gordon's Piper 185!



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**Twenty-five years ago, a group of American eye doctors founded Orbis, an association that today numbers four hundred volunteers.**

The association's DC-10, which has been reconverted into a flying hospital, flies all over the world bringing care to the blind and visually impaired. The aircraft is equipped with an operating theatre, laser equipment and training rooms for local doctors. We boarded the aircraft for a humanitarian mission from Canada to Ethiopia.



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**For over thirty years, every first weekend of March, the eagerly awaited Iditarod takes place.**

It is the largest sled dog race in the world, from Anchorage to Nome, spanning a distance of 2,000 km to be travelled in two weeks. The event, which entails impressive logistics, could not take place without voluntary assistance, such as that provided by the twenty-eight pilots of the Iditarod Air Force and their head, John R. Norris. For three weeks, they transport all the staff, judges, vets and media workers, without forgetting food, straw, equipment, and the repatriation of dogs that have been declared tired or sick.



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**Captain Gorur Ramasamy Iyengar Gopinath prefers to be called Gopi.**

Three years ago, the Indian businessman created Air Deccan, a low cost airline. He now owns twenty-two aircraft that carry out two hundred and thirty flights a day, and transport two and a half million passengers! Although he manages his company with an iron hand, his directness and outspokenness make him appealing. We follow the mischievous man between his business trips and yoga meditations.

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**Created in Australia in 1928, the Royal Flying Doctors airborne emergency service was the very first of its kind.**

Witnesses of the extreme isolation of some of the Australian bush populations, these flying doctors have become a veritable institution. The Cairns base, one of the country's largest, with its two aircraft, nine doctors, five nurses and five pilots, covers all the communities in the isolated area of Cape York. We discover the daily lives of Norty and Louise on board their flying hospital.



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**In northern Australia, farms can reach up to a million hectares.**

Intensive farming is carried out there, and to manage such large areas, all types of transport are used, including helicopters. The farm owners work hand in hand with pilots, like Jeremy McMillan, a pioneer in the field, and Stuart, employed by the North Australian Helicopter company

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**The Lanveoc aeronautical base in the Finistère region of Brittany.**

The 34F flotilla, consisting of three Lynx helicopters, twelve mechanics and three pilots, is a hive of activity. Xavier, Cécile and Aurélia are getting ready to embark aboard the De Grasse frigate. This enormous vessel, equipped with anti-submarine devices, is carrying out a ten-day mission in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, to simulate a sighting between the French and the Spanish coasts.



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**Tension is rising - it's the evening many cars are stolen, and a huge audience will get to see the images.**

The Angel City Air headquarters is like something straight out of an American cop movie in which CIA agents on a secret surveillance mission scan everything that drives and flies around Los Angeles.

Outside the unobtrusive hangar located in a small local city airport, two helicopters are ready to lift off the ground, with 400,000 dollars' worth of cutting-edge audiovisual equipment on board.

The four pilots are called Larry, Tim, Derek and Gary - a former policeman, a former airborne firefighter, a company CEO and a well-to-do young man. Each one of them has their own allocated camera. And they are all ready to take off in less than two minutes, at the first sign of a police alert.



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**How a helicopter pilot guides an icebreaker through pack ice.**

The D'Entrecasteaux, a vast icebreaker that sails along the Labrador Coasts, supplies isolated Inuit villages and scientific and military stations in northern Canada. On board, a helicopter is about to lift off to guide the icebreaker through the route with the least ice.







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**From his office, head marine pilot with Torres Pilots Gary Cochrane has a fantastic view over the turquoise waters of the Great Barrier Reef in North East Australia.**

The site, which has been classed as world heritage, nevertheless bears witness to over 6,000 cargo ships a year as they pass by. For safety reasons, the ships must welcome a government skipper on board. The government skippers are the members of Torres Pilots, a company that supplies sea-guides, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.







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