

# What's it like skydiving over the island?

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One goes up to 13,000 feet and bails out. I believe that the free fall is about 3 minutes - but I was so excited/nervous that I'm not sure if it felt like 3 minutes, but was only 1. Or if it was 3 minutes but if felt like 1.

I know from our videos that when we came out of the plane we are spinning and goofing around, the photographer/camera man comes up to you, makes faces and signals, peels off and leaves you alone for a while and then it's cold, feels like just you, the wind, your body is hurtling to the ground, the land is coming at you kinda fast (130 mph) and then your tandem guide reminds you you're not alone. He pulls the chute and I certainly felt the sensation of lift. Then you are just drifting along, you have control of direction with the chute, you can hear the wind flapping over the silk - and wow, what a view, a vantage point of the island that few ever get to see at such a leisurely pace. Almost indescribable. The landing comes up pretty fast thereafter and the excitement returns when you know it is time to come in for a landing. Sharks, crocks, powerlines, friends right down below.

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