Palcielo

Private XC Coaching
2026-2027 Season

PALCIELO - Exclusive XC Coaching (season 2026-2027)

Are you looking for a hassle-free, private boot-camp to take your flying to the next level while enjoying a peaceful, all-inclusive stay at our stunning guest house on the foothills of Piedechinche?
Besides having fun and enjoying Colombian hospitality, our mission is to help you become a better pilot by improving your safety, flying techniques, and decision-making. No matter if you are new to thermal flying or if you are already flying competitions, we will make sure that you get the most possible learning out of the time with us! Fly-in to Cali and we take care of everything. Let's extend your horizon together!

2026-2027 season dates:

Palcielo I: December 12-20. (9 days, 8 nights, 7 flying days) - **Ideal for ~P2 level** **(Register here)**

Palcielo II: Dec 26. - Jan 03. (9 days, 8 nights, 7 flying days) - **Intermediate to advanced** **(Register here)**

Palcielo III: Jan. 05-13. (9 days, 8 nights, 7 flying days)- **Intermediate to advanced** **(Register here)**

Palcielo IV: January 14-22. (9 days, 8 nights, 7 flying days) - **Intermediate to advanced** **(Register here)**

Palcielo V: January 23-31. (9 days, 8 nights, 7 flying days) - **Intermediate to advanced** **(Register here)**

PalXielo Skydiving Combo: Details to be announced. Date: February 2027, two weeks, XC coaching at Palcielo, Piedechinche and AFF Skydiving course with Xielo Skydiving. **(Register here)**

* The minimum 3, maximum 5 pilots per group.
** Each group is assembled in a way that the level of the pilots and their equipment flown is matching as closely as possible.

Price: 3000 USD or 2700 EUR per week in single rooms.

Reserve your spot with 1000 USD/EUR deposit.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE: Get the deposit back if you are not happy with your progression!

Why Piedechinche?

We believe that Piedechinche is the best and most fun flying site for such stress-free coaching sessions in Colombia and is certainly among the top spots in the entire world. We have excellent infrastructure with several beautiful take-off sites and one massive landing field with restaurants. The local community is lovely and very welcoming. Unlike in Roldanillo, there are no dangerous power lines, nor strong backwind after midday so here we can fly all day long into the sunset while enjoying the peaceful and breathtaking view of the jungle covered mountains. Thermals are huge and rather smooth 2-5 m/s and nearly in each and every one of them we are accompanied by our feathered vulture friends. A few of many reasons why we fell in love with Piedechinche.

Accomodation:

You will be staying at Palcielo (it's a word play meaning "to the skies" in Spanish slang). Hosted by Monika Takáts and Pál Takáts. Over 8 years of work we created a private paradise for pilots seeking a calm and peaceful environment for their flying trip.

Palcielo offers:

- Hassle-free holidays: just come and enjoy, we take care of everything else!
- Full-board catering by our lovely Alejandra (breakfast buffet, snacks and dinner)
- Very spacious single rooms.
- All transportation (airport shuttles on the travel days, unlimited rides to take-off, retrieves, trips to town)
- Breathtaking panorama
- Common spaces to chill, work, do yoga and meditation on one of two big common terraces
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Beverages to purchase
- Panoramic dining room / common area
- Briefing area with projector and whiteboard
- Bonfire place and grill
- Hot-showers in all bathrooms
- Internet
- Fresh tropical fruit drinks, drinking water.
- Access to 8000 m2 garden area

What will you learn?

- Fly in a group and work together as a strong team
- Pro tips & tricks
- Thermal techniques, coring
- Cross-country strategy and mindset
- Fly faster and more efficiently
- Advanced glider control (rear-riser steering, speed bar, etc)
- Decision-making
- Navigation skills, instrument setup
- Choosing your line
- How to deal with emergency situations.
- Reading the sky
- How to get the most out of the day
- Meteorology

How we do it?

- Exclusive and personalized coaching, thanks to the outstanding participants/guide ratio
- Best preparation with in-depth briefings and de-briefings
- Setting daily tasks & goals
- We will be flying and learning together as a group to ensure the best result.
- Accompanied and coached by Pál Takáts, assisted by Monika Takáts and Walter Gomez

What is included in the price?

- In-flight radio coaching throughout every flight.
- Low-save assistance.
- Daily theory classes.
- Pre-flight briefings.
- Post-flight analysis, debriefing.
- Transportation to take-off & retrieve.
- Local SIM cards (activated and ready to use).
- Gear compatibility check and optimization.
- Airport shuttles on the designated travel days.
- Take-off fees.
- Local guidance.
- In-flight pictures.
- Accommodation.
- Breakfast, lunch pack and dinner.
- Good vibes.

Not included in the price:

- Plane tickets to Cali airport.

Minimum requirements to participate:

- Valid paragliding license.
- Valid liability insurance.
- Accident insurance covering paragliding.
- Experience level to safely take-off and land by yourself.
- Basic thermal flying skills.
- Speak English
- A complete flying kit suitable for your level.
- Reserve parachute re-packed within the last 6 months prior to the course.
- A quality 2-meter band FM radio (this is crucial for us to be able to work together. If you don't hear us, we can't help you. It is recommended to invest in a high-quality radio: ICOM, Yaesu, etc.).
- Travel cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

Safety / Health care:

We always do our best to prevent any incident. However, in case of an injury, we will take you to the **Valle de Lili** clinic in Cali, which is "*Accredited with international standards, for fourth year in a row as the third best hospital in Latin America by the América Economía magazine*". Please come with an insurance.

Your crew:

Pál Takáts

Coming from Hungary and began to fly in 2001, Pál won the Aerobatic World Cup Tour three times, was a Red Bull athlete for 10 years, participated in the Red Bull X-Alps three times, is a Guinness record holder, invented various new manoeuvres, created the Master Acro educational series, flew 528 km in Brazil, Top 10 finisher on Paragliding World Cups, etc. Today he's seasonally living between Austria, Hungary and Colombia. Together with his wife, he became a landowner in Piedechinche, a place they quickly fell in love with. He knows the Cauca Valley like his palm, which made him be the Meet Director of the prestigious Paragliding World Cup Superfinal in 2017. Pál is a cross-country, hike & fly and acro specialist, fluently speaking English, German, Spanish, Portugues and Hungarian. Coaching pilots in Colombia since 2017, he is on a mission to leave a footprint in paragliding education.

Monika Takáts

Moni started to fly in 2016 and she is quickly exploring the beauty of her new passion. In 2022 she finished second in the EN-B class and won the female class in her very first competition, the Ozone Open in Piedechinche, the flying arena she knows the best. In 2023 she won the Sports Racing Series in Macedonia in the female and reynolds category. She is fluent in German, English, and Spanish and will be happy to introduce you to the Colombian lifestyle and help you out flying cross-country. Her longest distance flight is currently 174 km and 6:30h. She is a lovely host and will be supporting us everywhere, from the logistics to in-flight coaching.

Walter Gomez

Our friend Walter is organizing the shuttles and retrieves, while also giving a hand with in-flight guiding. Being local he knows our flying arena very well. He is not only a professional tandem pilot but while working with us in the past 8 years he has also improved his cross-country skills significantly. We are proud of him for standing on sports class competition podiums recently and coming first in the 2024 Colombian XContest ranking.

Maria “Tita" Gabriel Zamora

We are happy to introduce Tita as our chef for the season. Her specialities are South-American, Caribbean and Asian flavors. Her positive, funny and friendly personality will bring good vibes to Palcielo!

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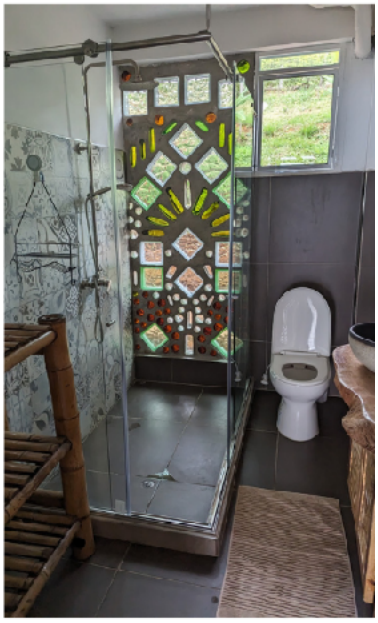
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