

Ten aviation mysteries

1 1937 Amelia Earhart: U.S. aviator vanished over Pacific Ocean, along with her navigator, **Fred Noonan**, during attempt to fly around world. Believed to have run out of fuel and crashed into sea

Glenn Miller

2 1944 Glenn Miller: U.S. big-band leader disappeared while flying from UK to Paris during World War II to entertain troops in France. One theory suggests his plane was hit by "friendly fire"

3 1945 Flight 19: Five U.S. Navy bombers lost during training mission in **Bermuda Triangle** – area notorious for unexplained disappearances. Aircraft were never found, and search plane sent to look for them also vanished

4 1947 British South American Airways "Star Dust": Fate of Avro Lancastrian airliner – which disappeared in snowstorm on flight from Argentina to Chile – remained shrouded in mystery until its wreckage was found 50 years later

Avro Lancastrian "Star Dust" crashed in Andes mountains in bad weather

Flight 571 survivors

5 1962 Flying Tiger Line Flight 739: Lockheed Super Constellation plane carrying 107 passengers and crew failed to arrive in Philippines en route to Vietnam. Despite extensive searches of western Pacific, it was never found

Example of Lockheed Super Constellation

N844AA seen 14 years before its disappearance

7 2003 Boeing 727-223 N844AA: Plane took off without permission from Luanda Airport in Angola, and was never seen again, despite worldwide search by FBI and CIA. U.S. authorities believe flight engineer **Ben Charles Padilla** was at controls of aircraft – he has not been seen or heard from since

8 2007 Steve Fossett: U.S. adventurer reported missing after plane he was flying over Nevada desert failed to return. Search finally ended when crash site of his single-engine Bellanca Super Decathlon aircraft was found in 2008 – more than a year after he disappeared

9 2009 Air France Flight 447: Debris of Airbus A330 was found within days but it took two years to locate main wreckage on floor of Atlantic Ocean. Jet had flown into fierce storm after leaving Rio de Janeiro for Paris. All 228 people on board died

6 1972 Uruguayan Air Force Flight 571: Fairchild FH-227 airliner came down in Andes with 45 people on board. About half survived crash, and further 72 days stranded on mountain. Before being found, they resorted to cannibalism. Story told in 1993 feature film **Alive**

10 2014 Malaysia Airlines Flight 370: Boeing 777 jet flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing vanished on March 8 with 239 people on board. Whereabouts still unknown