



# FLY ROCKET FLY

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## SYNOPSIS

Elon Musk and his company SpaceX aren't the first private venture to attempt to make it into space. This is the amazing story of Lutz Kayser, an aerospace engineer from southwestern Germany, who founded a private company, OTRAG, to develop and produce a satellite launch vehicle. In search of a suitable launch area, OTRAG signs a lease with Zairean dictator Mobutu Sese Seko for an area of jungle the size of East Germany. Here the company builds its own spaceport, a "German Cape Canaveral" in the heart of Africa, complete with its own butcher shop and marijuana plantation. But what began as an adventure slowly turns into a nightmare.

## FESTIVALS

FILMFEST MÜNCHEN 2018 WorldPremiere  
LOLA@Berlinale - shortlisted for German Film Award  
Documentary 2019

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Oliver Schwehm · PRODUCER Markus Hilß

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91 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

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Sci-Fi, Science

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