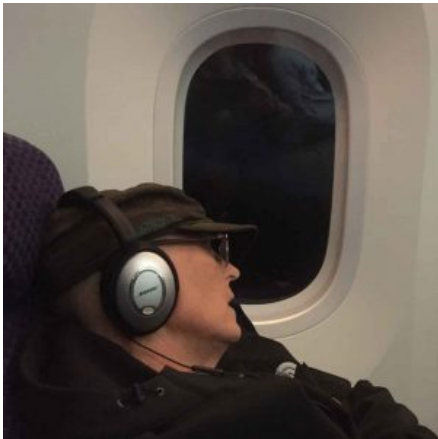


Not many readers will be able to beat this for a long flight!



Just over 16 hours actual flying time, over 10,000 actual miles. United is only giving me credit for the "official" 8,441 miles that represents the more-or-less straight-line distance between San Francisco and Singapore. Let me tell you, that's a very long time to sit in a seat in coach!



My wife and son have no issues sleeping on a plane. I should learn from them. In fact, this is the 4th-longest commercial flight being presently flown, with the very longest being only a few hundred miles longer. It wasn't as bad as I expected, even though I didn't get more than maybe an hour's sleep the whole time. My wife though? She probably got over 8 hours of sleep. No wonder where my son gets it.

So why did I fly to Singapore? It's not a mileage run... this is my annual far-away trip with my wife. Singapore isn't the destination; just a 16 hour layover (curiously, about the same amount of time as the flight). We're about to get onto an overnight 8 hour flight to Brisbane (Australia), followed by a short two hour flight to Cairns, our actual destination in Australia. A few days there, so my wife can see the Great Barrier Reef, and then home, right? Nope. Then it's a short two hour flight back to Brisbane, next an 8 hour overnight flight to Bangkok and immediately after that a short one hour flight to Siem Reap (Cambodia).

Yeah, it's kinda nuts.