

My Travelling Experience

Tomorrow (August 12, 2024) I will have survived eighty-four (84) years on our planet Earth. This fact alone, is making me reflect on what has been happening while I was sleeping, walking, resting, having a good time or just “vegetating”.

I have been travelling in my Space Vehicle, named Earth. I really cannot consciously say that “I haven’t gone anywhere for a long time”. Not when I look at the facts.

Here is what Google posts:

“..... Earth orbits the Sun at an average distance of 149.60 million km (92.96 million mi), or 8.317 light-minutes, [1] in a counterclockwise direction as viewed from above the Northern Hemisphere. One complete orbit takes 365.256 days (1 sidereal year), during which time Earth has traveled 940 million km (584 million mi).....”

Tomorrow, I will have travelled 84×940 million or 78,960 million kilometers in our spaceship named Earth. I thought about this and tried to grasp the enormity of all this and equated this to travelling by plane and paying for a commercial carrier for the privilege.

Here is what Google suggests:

“.....The Federal Aviation Administration sets rates in the US. There are only two rates: overland, which is \$61.75 per 100 nautical miles, and over the ocean area monitored by the FAA, which is \$26.51 per 100 nautical miles.....”

Since we are merely establishing a relationship only, I will take an average rate as follows:

$(\$61.75 + \$26.51)/2 = \$44.13$ for 100 kilometers

Based on this rate then I have had free travelling:

$(\$44.13 \times 78,960,000)/100 = \$34,742,400,000$ or \$34.7424 billion

Wow, can you imagine that? How can all the Earthlings suggest that we have poverty when we allegedly spend all that money on travel. All of us are treated the same as we travel together.

Wait till CRA gets a hold of this and realizes we all have “taxable benefits”. The Federal Aviation Administration sets rates in the US. There are only two rates: overland, which is \$61.75 per 100 nautical miles, and over the ocean area monitored by the FAA, which is \$26.51 per 100 nautical miles.

Wait a minute, “....the Earth rotates on its axis once every 24 hours. [At the equator, this rotation speed is approximately 1,037.5646 miles per hour \(1,669.8 km/h\)¹. This speed decreases as you move towards the poles, where it effectively becomes zero....”](#)

Many people say that I am getting “spiny” but little do they know, they are just as “spiny” as I am.

I am located just above the 49th parallel. For the benefit of this discussion, then we can estimate as follows:

$49/90 \times 1669.8 = 909.11$ km/hour at my latitude.

To bring this into perspective, the distance (as the crow flies) from Castlegar to Vancouver is 419 kilometers; therefore, my time to Vancouver would be:

$419/909.11 * 60 \text{ minutes} = 27.65 \text{ minutes}.$

The airline brags that flights from the Trail airport to Vancouver is one (1) hour. I don't leave my chesterfield, and I get there faster.

I think I will pour myself a Scotch over ice and think all about this>

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