



TRAVELLER

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Wheel2Wheel

First, business or economy

I fly in all parts of the aircraft regularly, depending on the purpose and distance of the flight. I'm 198cm (6'6"), so space is especially important to me. If it's a short hop within Asia, economy is fine, but if it's over the pole around to New York, then seat 1A is the go.

Most frequented destination

Chinese cities of Shanghai and Beijing for business, Brisbane to visit family.

If I ran my own airline I would...

I sympathise with airlines, as commercial aviation is a complex business and with high fuel and labour costs it's tough to turn a profit. I would improve the environment on board with lower seating density. I'd pay for it by reducing on-ground staff and introducing more self-service.

Worst place you've been lost?

I've never been lost.

Most memorable overseas dining?

The accidental \$US250 white truffle pasta my girlfriend ordered at Il Mulino in New York. "Accidental" because she ordered it based on the waiter's advice and without checking

the price! And it was only an appetiser.

What's in the suitcase?

I always pack as much as I can fit in a suitcase. I like to have choices on the road which resemble those I enjoy at home.

A spare afternoon in a strange city

Walk. No matter the weather or obstacle, it's the only way to truly immerse.

Travel tips

At least once in life, try travelling without any plans from one point to another distant point on the globe.

Favourite technology

GPS satellite transmitter, GPS mapping, compass, paper maps, laptop computer, smart phone, action video cameras, DSLR still camera with multiple lenses.

Best overseas purchase

Chinese antiques. Ambling through the dirt market in Beijing to find imperial

treasures and relics of the cultural revolution that time has forgotten.

Best travelling tale

Riding my motorcycle from Hong Kong to Brisbane 25,000 kilometres through 10 countries in 125 days in support of 10 charities. This Wheel2Wheel journey was shown on SBS One this year.

Best thing about travelling

Becoming enlightened. For me travelling is the meaning of life. Discovering all that civilisation comprises enriches the body, heart and soul to provide context for how we live our own life.

Top travel gripe

Airport design and staffing that is inadequate for the volume of travellers and security protocols. Why do so many processes seem so overwhelmed?

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