

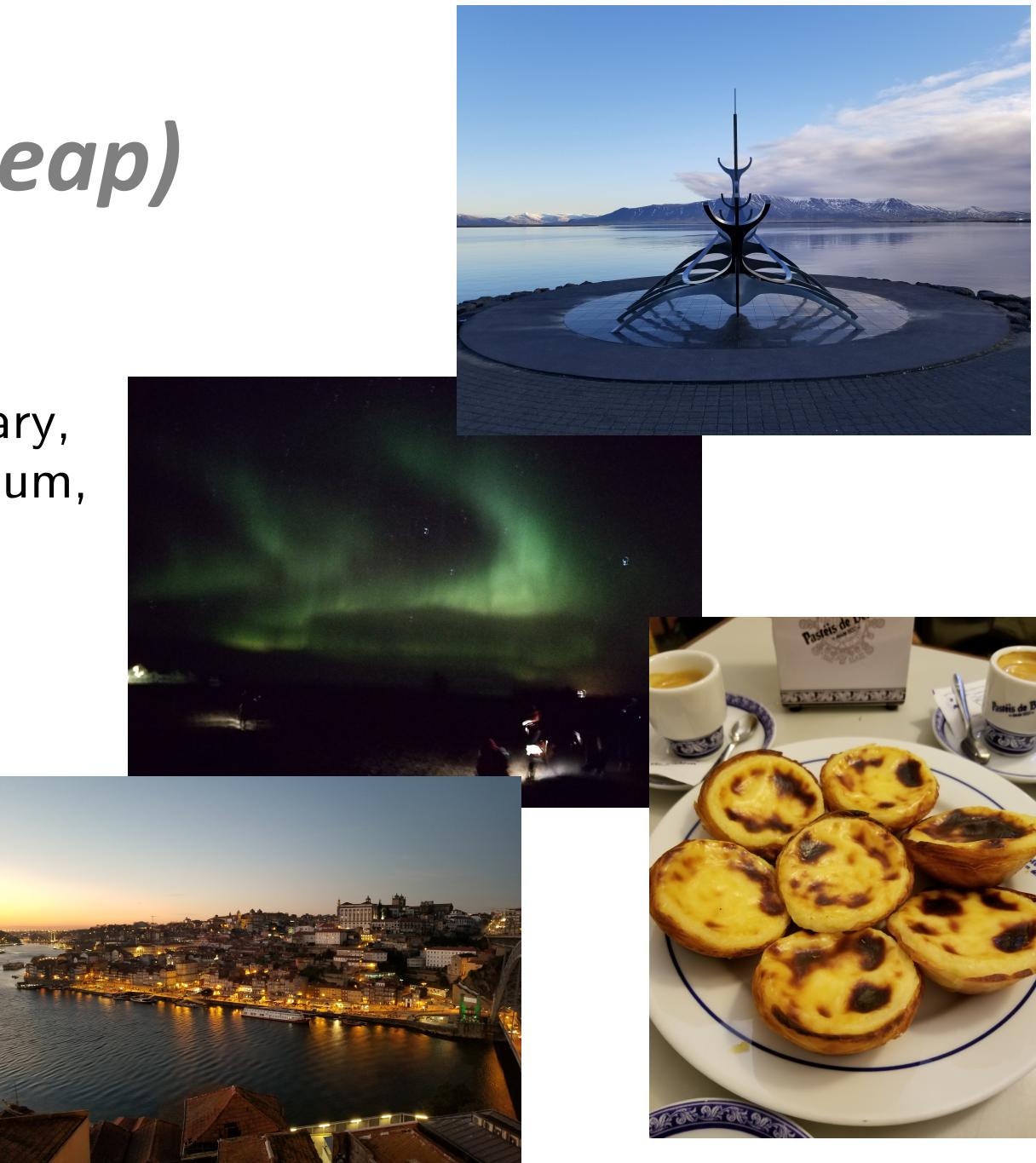
A photograph of an airplane wing and tail against a sunset sky. The sky is filled with warm orange and red hues, with darker blue at the top left. The airplane's tail is visible, featuring the KLM logo (a crown above the letters 'KLM').

Being a Strategic Traveler

Park Sinchaisri

I love traveling (*cheap*)

- 2019 Iceland, Portugal, UK, Turkey
- 2018 Vietnam, Singapore, UAE, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Czech, France, Belgium, Japan, China
- 2017 Yellowstone
- 2016 Bahamas, Canada, Taiwan
- 2015 Japan, Canada, Hong Kong
- 2014 Spain, Laos
- 2013 Switzerland, Italy, Alaska
- 2012 Mexico, Belize, Honduras



Agenda

1. General tips on planning
2. Cheap flights
3. Long layovers
4. From Philly
5. During the trip

General Tips on Planning

- Always collect your miles! (Can do after trips, too)
 - Stick with one alliance (StarAlliance / OneWorld / SkyTeam)
 - Or Alaska (partners with AA, Cathay, BA, JAL, KoreanAir, KLM, etc)
- Google Flights explore + track your flights
- 24-hour cancellation rule + holding fare

Round trip ▾

1 passenger ▾

Economy ▾

○ Philadelphia



Try "France"



Wed, May 15



Sun, May 19



Search

Suggested trips from Philadelphia · Price for 1 passenger ⓘ

Explore destinations



San Diego

Sat, Aug 17 – Mon, Aug 26

Flight 1 stop · 9h 45m

\$241



Las Vegas

Mon, May 27 – Wed, Jun 5

Flight Nonstop · 5h 31m

\$145 less than usual

GREAT VALUE \$117



Round trip ▾ 1 passenger ▾ Economy ▾

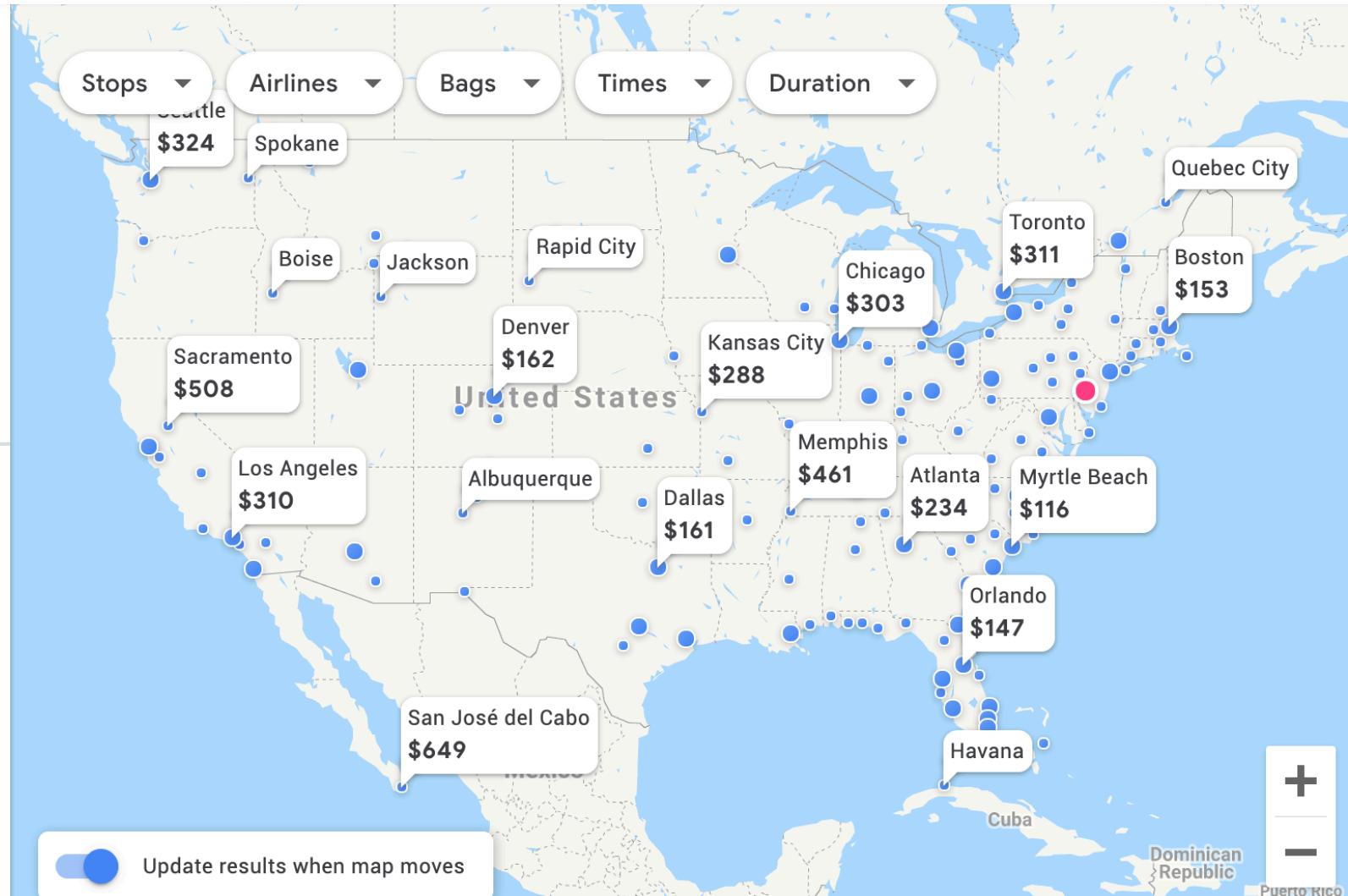
Philadelphia Where to?

Wed, May 15 Sun, May 19

Price Any price

 Orlando Nonstop · 2h 40m \$147

 Miami 1 stop · 3h 6m \$288



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Hold

Did you find a good fare but need more time? Hold your trip.

Be sure to pay with a credit card from the same country you used to hold your trip or your fare may change.

| Hold period | Hold until | Cost per person |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 24 hours | January 11, 2019 | Free |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 days | January 13, 2019 | \$9.99 |
| <input type="radio"/> 5 days | January 15, 2019 | \$12.99 |
| <input type="radio"/> 7 days | January 17, 2019 | \$15.99 |

| Hold fare |
|--------------------|
| 7 days for \$10.99 |
| 3 days for \$9.99 |

FareLock® Hold this itinerary and fare with FareLockSM, starting at \$9.99

Total hold cost: Free

Hold for 48 hours for free

 Alipay and online check are not eligible forms of payment based on your current selections.

Other forms of payment



Pay in person 

Select where you will complete your cash purchase **(*Required)**



If you plan to pay in person, your reservation will be held until midnight CT on Fri, Jan 11, 2019 and must be purchased by that time or the reservation will be released for another customer to purchase.

[View accepted forms of payment.](#)

Select where you will complete your cash purchase **(*Required)**

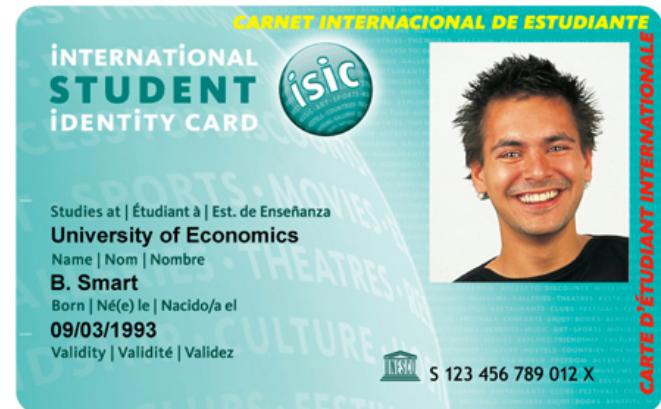
Airport Ticket Office (service charge per transaction may apply)

United Ticket Office (service charge per transaction may apply)

Cheap Flights

- Low-cost airlines / Basic Economy
 - \$\$\$ even for a carry-on
 - Travel light!
 - Southwest, always free bags
- SkipLagged
- StudentUniverse / StaTravel
 - For students regardless of age, faculty, < 31 yo

| Basic Economy | +\$0 | Economy | +\$60 |
|---|------|--|-------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Overhead bin access✗ No seat selection✗ No ticket changes | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Overhead bin access✓ Choose your seat\$ Ticket changes | |



Round Trip One Way



Share

FROM

TO

DEPARTURE

Philadelphia Intl, Phila...

Detroit Metropolitan ...

Jun 9



skiplagged rate

2h
non stop6:00am — 7:38am
PHL DTW

DTW PIT

\$72

2h
non stop11:33am — 1:24pm
PHL DTW

\$75

2h
non stop6:00am — 7:38am
PHL DTW

\$118

Round trip ▾

1 passenger ▾

Economy ▾

○ Philadelphia PHL



Budapest BUD



Mon, Aug 5



Mon, Aug 12



Bags ▾

Stops ▾

Airlines ▾

Price ▾

Times ▾

Connecting airports ▾

More ▾



Date grid



Price graph



Nearby airports

Best departing flights ⓘ

Total price includes taxes + fees for 1 adult. [Additional bag fees](#) and other fees may apply.

Sort by:

| | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | 6:15 PM – 9:15 AM⁺¹ American · Finnair, British Airways, Iberia | 9h 0m PHL–BUD | Nonstop | \$1,277 round trip |
| | 5:40 PM – 10:45 AM⁺¹ Lufthansa · United | 11h 5m PHL–BUD | 1 stop 2h 5m FRA | \$1,310 round trip |
| | 7:25 PM – 12:15 PM⁺¹ American, British Airways · Finnair, Iberia | 10h 50m PHL–BUD | 1 stop 1h 0m LHR | \$1,506 round trip |

Cheap student flights, hotels and tours

 Flights Hotels Tours Activities Transfers

Philadelphia (PHL)

Budapest (BUD)

 08/05/2019

08/12/2019

 Exact
 Flexible 1 Search

Trip Type: Roundtrip ▾

Cabin: Economy ▾



6:15p - 9:15a

British Airways

9h

PHL → BUD

Nonstop

\$879



11:25a - 3:40p

British Airways

10h 15m

BUD → PHL

Nonstop

 Select →[Details](#) | [Baggage](#)

American Airlines operates 1570, 1571

Departure: Monday, Aug 5 (arrives Tuesday, Aug 6)

9h 0m

British Airways

6:15p

Philadelphia, PA

9:15a

Hungary

9h

Economy

Flight 1570

Boeing 767-300

Operated by American Airlines

(PHL) Philadelphia Intl

(BUD) Ferihegy

Return: Monday, Aug 12

10h 15m

British Airways

11:25a

Budapest, Hungary

3:40p

Philadelphia, PA

10h 15m

Economy

Flight 1571

Boeing 767-300

Operated by American Airlines

(BUD) Ferihegy

(PHL) Philadelphia Intl

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|---|-----------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|  | 6:15p - 9:15a | 9h | Nonstop | \$737 |
|  | 7:00p - 1:25p | 24h 25m | 2 Stops (HEL, LHR) | Select → |
| | British Airways | BUD → PHL | | |
| Details Baggage | | American Airlines operates 1570, 1588; /GETJET FOR FINNAIR operates 1256 | | |

Departure: Monday, Aug 5 (arrives Tuesday, Aug 6) **9h 0m**

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|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
|  | British Airways Flight 1570 Boeing 767-300 Operated by American Airlines | 6:15p | 9:15a | 9h Economy |
| | | Philadelphia, PA (PHL) Philadelphia Intl | Budapest, Hungary (BUD) Ferihegy | |

Return: Monday, Aug 12 (arrives Tuesday, Aug 13) **24h 25m**

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
|  | Finnair Flight 1256 Airbus A320-100/200 Operated by /GETJET FOR FINNAIR | 7:00p | 10:20p | 2h 20m Economy |
| | | Budapest, Hungary (BUD) Ferihegy | Helsinki, Finland (HEL) Helsinki-vantaa | |

Connection in HEL - **Overnight Stay Required** **9h 40m**

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|---|--|--|---|--------------------------|
|  | Finnair Flight 1331 Airbus A350-900 | 8:00a | 9:10a | 3h 10m Economy |
| | | Helsinki, Finland (HEL) Helsinki-vantaa | London, United Kingdom (LHR) London Heathrow | |

Connection in (LHR) London, United Kingdom **1h 5m**

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|---|---|---|---|--------------------------|
|  | British Airways Flight 1588 Airbus A330-300 Operated by American Airlines | 10:15a | 1:25p | 8h 10m Economy |
| | | London, United Kingdom (LHR) London Heathrow | Philadelphia, PA (PHL) Philadelphia Intl | |

Long Layovers

- Explore new cities without any luggage!
 - I did this in Tokyo, Taipei, Hong Kong
 - Even SF, Seattle, other US cities!
- Airlines that provide free tours
 - Turkish Airline
 - Finnair
 - Icelandair
 - South Korea

Traditional Sites



Gyeongbokgung Palace & Insa-dong 5-HrTour

📍 Course

Incheon International Airport → Gyeongbokgung Palace → Insa-dong →
Incheon International Airport

🕒 Schedule

Terminal 1&2 8:00~13:00 / 10:00~15:00

※ Every Tuesday, Gyeongbokgung Palace tour will be substituted by Changdeokgung
Palace tour because Gyeongbokgung Palace is closed on Tuesdays.



○ Newark EWR



Bangkok



Wed, Jun 26



Mon, Jul 15



Bags ▾

Stops ▾

Airlines ▾

Price ▾

Times ▾

Connecting airports ▾

More ▾

↗ Track prices ⓘ

Date grid

Price graph

Nearby airports

Best departing flights ⓘ

Total price includes taxes + fees for 1 adult. [Additional bag fees](#) and other fees may apply.

Sort by: ↑↓

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|--|--|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 11:20 AM – 11:10 PM⁺¹ United, ANA · Operated by Air Japan Company | 24h 50m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 4h 30m NRT | \$946 round trip |
| | 9:55 PM – 9:35 AM⁺² SWISS | 24h 40m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 6h 15m ZRH | \$1,252 round trip |
| | 12:40 PM – 11:40 PM⁺¹ Air China | 24h 0m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 4h 50m PEK | \$1,253 round trip |
| | 1:55 AM – 10:00 AM⁺¹ Cathay Pacific · American, Bangkok Airways | 21h 5m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 2h 30m HKG | \$1,281 round trip |



52 longer or more expensive flights

Other departing flights

| | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
|  | 11:20 AM – 9:40 PM⁺¹ United, ANA · Operated by Air Japan Company | 23h 20m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 3h 5m NRT | \$1,188 round trip |  |
|  | 1:55 AM – 10:50 AM⁺¹ Cathay Pacific · American, Bangkok Airways | 21h 55m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 3h 25m HKG | \$1,281 round trip |  |
|  | 1:55 AM – 11:30 AM⁺¹ Cathay Pacific · American, Bangkok Airways | 22h 35m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 4h 0m HKG | \$1,281 round trip |  |
|  | 1:55 AM – 2:00 PM⁺¹ Cathay Pacific | 25h 5m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 6h 30m HKG | \$1,281 round trip |  |
|  | 1:55 AM – 3:20 PM⁺¹ Cathay Pacific | 26h 25m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 7h 45m HKG | \$1,281 round trip |  |
|  | 1:55 AM – 4:30 PM⁺¹ Cathay Pacific | 27h 35m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 8h 55m HKG | \$1,281 round trip |  |
|  | 1:55 AM – 5:55 PM⁺¹ Cathay Pacific | 29h 0m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 10h 25m HKG | \$1,281 round trip |  |
|  | 1:55 AM – 9:50 PM⁺¹ Cathay Pacific | 32h 55m EWR–BKK | 1 stop 14h 20m HKG | \$1,281 round trip |  |



Departure · Wed, Jun 26

Select flight

\$1,281
round trip

1:55 AM · Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)

Travel time: 15h 35m · Overnight ▲

5:30 AM⁺¹ · Hong Kong International Airport (HKG)

Above average legroom (32 in)

Wi-Fi

In-seat power & USB outlets

On-demand video

Cathay Pacific · Economy · Airbus A350 · CX 899

Ticket also sold by American

16h 5m layover · Hong Kong (HKG)

9:35 PM⁺¹ · Hong Kong International Airport (HKG)

Travel time: 2h 55m

11:30 PM⁺¹ · Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK)

Above average legroom (32 in)

In-seat power & USB outlets

On-demand video

Cathay Pacific · Economy · Airbus A330 · CX 617

Ticket also sold by American

Often delayed by 30+ min

1 1:10 AM · Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK)

Travel time: 6h 5m · Overnight ▲

2 9:15 AM · Incheon International Airport (ICN)

Asiana · Economy · Airbus A380 · OZ 742

9h 45m layover · Seoul (ICN)

3 7:00 PM · Incheon International Airport (ICN)

Travel time: 13h 20m · Overnight ▲

4 6:20 PM · O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

Asiana · Economy · Boeing 777 · OZ 236

Ticket also sold by United



5 6:15 PM · Narita International Airport (NRT)

Travel time: 9h 10m · Overnight ▲

6 11:25 AM · Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)

ANA · Economy · Boeing 787 · NH 178

Ticket also sold by United

7 10h 55m layover · Seattle (SEA)



8 10:20 PM · Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)

Travel time: 5h 0m · Overnight ▲

9 6:20 AM⁺¹ · Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)

United · Economy · Boeing 737 · UA 801

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|---|--|--|---|---------------------------|
|  | 11:20a - 5:25a  All Nippon Airways | 31h 5m EWR → BKK | 1 Stop (NRT) | \$1,279 |
|  | 6:45a - 8:08a  United Airlines | 36h 23m BKK → PHL | 2 Stops (NRT, SFO) | Select → |
| Details Baggage | | United Airlines operates 6453; All Nippon operates 7968 | | |
| | | | | |
| Departure: Wednesday, Jun 19 (arrives Friday, Jun 21) | | 31h 5m | | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
|  | All Nippon Airways  Flight 6453 | 11:20a Newark, NJ (EWR) Newark Liberty Intl | 1:55p  Tokyo, Japan (NRT) Narita Intl | 13h 35m Economy |
| Operated by United Airlines | | | | |
| CONNECTION REQUIRES AIRPORT CHANGE Overnight Stay Required 11h | | | | |
|  | All Nippon Airways  Flight 877 | 12:55a Tokyo, Japan (HND) Haneda | 5:25a Bangkok, Thailand (BKK) Suvarnabhumi Intl | 6h 30m Economy |
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| Return: Tuesday, Jul 9 (arrives Wednesday, Jul 10) | | 36h 23m | | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
|  | United Airlines  Flight 7968 | 6:45a Bangkok, Thailand (BKK) Suvarnabhumi Intl | 3:00p Tokyo, Japan (NRT) Narita Intl | 6h 15m Economy |
| Operated by All Nippon | | | | |
| Connection in (NRT) Tokyo, Japan | | | | 2h |
|  | United Airlines  Flight 838 | 5:00p Tokyo, Japan (NRT) Narita Intl | 10:35a San Francisco, CA (SFO) San Francisco Intl | 9h 35m Economy |
| Connection in (SFO) San Francisco, CA | | | | 13h 5m |
|  | United Airlines  Flight 384 | 11:40p San Francisco, CA | 8:08a  Philadelphia, PA | 5h 28m Economy |

Travelling from Philly

- Flying out from Newark
 - Amtrak
 - Bolt Bus to Newark Penn Station
- United's ZFV
- Free shuttles to JFK
 - EVA and Asiana



- 7:19 AM · 30th Street Station
- Travel time: 1h 3m
- 8:22 AM · Newark Liberty International Airport

United · Economy · 2886 · 🚆 This is a train service
Plane and crew by Amtrak Train



- 11:20 AM · Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)
- Travel time: 13h 35m
- 1:55 PM⁺¹ · Narita International Airport (NRT)

United · Economy · Boeing 777 · UA 79

During Trip

- Travel documents: hard copies + pdfs on phone + gmail/dropbox
- Don't exchange currency!
- Free walking tour on your first day
- Google Maps offline maps
- Swarm/Foursquare/TripAdvisor
- Day passes
- Memorabilia: Instagram Stories/postcards