

Travel Journal Entry 2: The Flight from Vancouver to Beijing

My flight departs from Vancouver at 7:15 a.m. I am flying 1287 km to San Francisco. This will take two hours and 23 minutes. From there, I will board a flight to Beijing, China at 1:35 p.m. I will travel 5898 km and will arrive in Beijing at 5:55 p.m. the next day. The total flying time is 12 hours and 20 minutes but I will be crossing the International Date Line, so I will arrive a day later.

I am so excited that I can hardly wait to land in Beijing. Did you know that Beijing is located in the northeastern corner of China? The city is a mixture of old hutongs (hoo-tongs) - (alleys) and new buildings, which are going up in preparation for the 2008 Olympics. It is also the capital city of China, and there are 7.23 million people living there.

The money in China is called Yuan and \$1.00 Canadian is equal to \$6.71 Yuan. There are many different dialects (versions) of Chinese. The language in Beijing is called Mandarin. I am going to practice on the flight. If you want to learn, too, here is a Web site that might help you:

[Travel China Guide: Chinese Language](#)

Well it's time to board the plane. I will write when I get to Beijing!

Your Pal,

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