



Business travel tales

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People love to complain about traveling for work. They describe scenarios where they sat on the runway in overheated planes for 5 hours ("and they didn't even serve us drinks!").

I have vented to others about bumped and cancelled flights, lost luggage and rude flight attendants, etc. etc. Certainly, missing family and social events and waking at the crack of dawn are some of the downsides of business travel.

But do we really have it so bad? As Atlantans, when we come home we are home.

Our seatmates trip over us to make their connections. We can catch up on sleep, work and even read for pleasure.

I do some of my most creative work during these uninterrupted times.

I see many fellow passengers just sitting there, thinking about who knows what? When they are earthbound, they are human doings.

Up in the clouds, they can just be in the moment, gathering their reserves before facing the world again.

More talkative passengers learn about career fields and may even sit next to a future boss. Not interested in talking? Just turn the music up.

So is travel a blessing or a curse for you? What is your worst travel story? Is it a necessary evil or are there some positives that you have experienced?