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#### In An Emirates's Aeroplane

Everything started with the arrival of a luxurious, black, seven-seater Mercedes-Benz motor vehicle, having been driven by a uniformed chauffeur in the pay of Emirates Airlines.

The chauffeur awaited this medium's presence at the ground door of **TARGET's** home at precisely nine o'clock on a rather damp Friday evening.

Thus began a seven-hour journey on an Emirates's aeroplane, bound for Dubai, The United Arab Emirates, the first leg of that which turned out to be a rather tiring 24-hour journey from Hongkong to Glasgow, Scotland, The United Kingdom of Great Britain.

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Once seated aboard the Emirates's aeroplane, one was presented with pyjamas and slippers, along with a comprehensive knowledge in respect of the aeroplane's many and varied facilities.

Two such facilities, this medium was informed, was that within every single, toilet facility – for the exclusive use of Upper-Deck Passengers – there is a separate enclosure where one was invited to take advantage of a full-sized, enclosed shower stall ... if so desired.

Also, a hot meal could be readily available to be served at any part of the journey, from Hongkong to Dubai, which was the first leg to Scotland.

The Emirates's Upper-Deck Passengers seat all passengers, singularly, in that which could be well described as very luxurious individual cubicles, with electrically-operated sliding doors, encapsulating occupants in relative quiet with the exception, of course, of the humming of the aeroplane's engines and occasional pieces of information, instructing passengers of one thing or another.

In each private cubicle, labelled as a suite, a number of '*goodies*' is there for the taking, from sweets to nuts, from bottled water, to juices, etc, while watching movies on well-placed, large television sets.

If, during the seven-hour journey to Dubai, one desires to lubricate one's tonsils with, perhaps, alcohol, or, for teetotallers, a cup of coffee or tea, pressing a button in one's cubicle is all that is required for a young lady to present herself in order to satisfy one's requirements.

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Within each private cubicle, also, if one is tired of trying to focus on movies, reading a book, or jotting down notes of the past, each cubicle has the ability, within a minute or so, to be transformed into a full-sized bed – with the assistance of one of the aeroplane’s staff members, of course.

Watching movies, sampling the aeroplane’s cuisine, having a shower, or what have you ... and so the hours passed until one was informed that the aeroplane had reached this medium’s first stopover: The city of Dubai, the most populous city in the United Arab Emirates.

This medium did, however, determined to partake of a shower when the aeroplane was flying at the height of 40,000 feet.

In an enclosed area, measuring about 100 square feet, that had the ability to be used as a private toilet and or, in a separate alcove, designed to be a very reasonably large shower room, pleasantly warm water from a showerhead was available for a period of five minutes, only, but, at any part of one’s shower, the warm water could be stopped, for a short period of time, until one’s ablution’s had been completely performed.

All that is required in any shower room in one’s home on the earth – soap, washcloth, shampoo, conditioner, etc – are provided in quantities that would, no doubt, please anybody, – as well as the invaluable hair dryer for ladies.

Stepping out of the shower room’s alcove, there, on part of the seat, within easy access from the shower alcove, was a large towel to finish off one’s shower.

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About the only thing that could be considered as being missing from the above requirements for a refreshing shower, aboard an Emirates's aeroplane, was disposable underwear.

But that will, perhaps, be the next consideration of Management in its continuing determination to be amongst the most-luxurious way to fly many thousands of kilometres at the height of 40,000 kilometres-plus in the stratosphere.

In Dubai, there was a three-hour wait in the First-Class Lounge where one was invited to sample hot drinks, nibble on snacks, and/or imbibe alcohol – at about four o'clock in the morning, Dubai time.

Due to the early hours of the morning, all the shops were closed – naturally!

At the appointed hour, it was back aboard the Emirates's aeroplane to be greeted by a complete change of stewardesses.

And so began the second leg of the journey: Another seven hours before reaching Glasgow, Scotland.

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