

Saturday, October 6, 2007

SunCEC2007 Day -1: From Berlin to Las Vegas

Late-night checkins are really a usefull thing, most of my colleagues in Hamburg have to wake up at five to be 3 hours early at the airport. But the (although canceled) meeting in Berlin saved me from flying Continental in a 757. Call me conservative, but i think that Richard Branson is correct with "4 engines 4 longhaul". I know, the 757 has an ETOPS certification ("Extended-range Twin-engine Operational Performance Standards" but i prefer "Engines Turn Or Passengers Swim") but it's a matter of trust (i don't like Boeing) and of comfort (according to all sources the A340 is a really quiet plane)

Hopefully i have some time to write at Frankfurt, but the next main blog entry will be made from Las Vegas. From my view, Las Vegas is a bad location for a conference. When you tell you friends. you go to San Francisco for a conference they say "Have a nice conference and don't forget to do some sightseeing". When you tell them, that you fly to Las Vegas for a conference, they answer "Have fun, and don't forget to visit the conference".

Apropos Las Vegas: Television has an interesting effect on the perception of a city. In former times it was the city of Siegfried&Roy, the city of the Rat Pack, even the city of the Mob (of course besides of Chicago). But nowadays i think about plenty of dead people. Why? I assume i've viewed to many episodes of CSI Las Vegas. And that "happy slapping"-episode (aired a week ago in Germany) doesn't generate confidence as well

Well, it's 6:30 ... breakfast

PS: I've recognized, that i forgot something important ... batteries for my Quiet Comfort. BTW: I think Constantin is incorrect ... i've tried in-ear headphones but active noise canceling yields at least for me more silence ...

Posted by Joerg Moellenkamp in English, suncec2007 at 05:57

Hi! The noise reduction effect for in-ears varies with the manufacturer, the type of earpiece and of course how well they fit. I can recommend the better Shure ones which are said to reduce the noise by 20-37db. The other reason I like them is that there is no extra piece of electronics between the sound and your ears. And the model I wear has triple drivers .

Anonymous on Oct 11 2007, 02:29