

ALMOST AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHT HOPS



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The background info mentions travel preferences from certain airports on certain airlines. The airports mentioned are the primary hubs for the respective airlines. Hence the travel preference implied here is that when I travel FROM an airport, I use the airline that has the particular airport as the primary hub.

The main puzzle deals here with airline tagline or slogans. The taglines used here are (in order):

Tagline	Airline / Carrier	Primary / Main Hub
The Worlds Warmest Welcome	Air New Zealand	Auckland
The Spirit of Australia	Qantas	Sydney
A great way to fly	Singapore Airlines	Singapore
The joy of flying	Jet Airways	Mumbai
The world's favorite airline	British Airways	London Heathrow
There is no better way to fly	Lufthansa	Frankfurt
Making the sky the best place on Earth.	Air France	Paris
Is ready when you are	Delta	Atlanta
A Whole Different Animal	Frontier Airlines	Denver

When I travel FROM a destination, I use the airline that has the airport as a primary hub. Also, for every leg I take the flight with the lowest number on the carrier I plan.

So in essence, I travelled on

- Air New Zealand from Auckland to Sydney NZ 101
- Qantas from Sydney to Singapore QF 5
- Singapore Airlines from Singapore to Mumbai SQ 422
- Jet Airways from Mumbai to London 9W 118
- British Airways from London to Frankfurt BA 902
- Lufthansa from Frankfurt to Paris LH 1026
- Air France from Paris to Atlanta AF 682
- Delta from Atlanta to Denver DL 996

The number is the sum of all flight numbers above which is **4252**.