



TIP OF THE WEEK

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I fly about 100,000 miles a year. If I never see another peanut it will be too soon. I always travel with those eye patches that you can buy in travel stores and luggage stores.

Now, I know they look dorky, but trust me; they help you get through a trip. The second thing that I've learned to do is I bring my iPod and headphones. But I don't listen to music. I listen to a book on tape.

In fact, I've heard the biography of Benjamin Franklin, or at least parts of it, dozens of times. The author has that perfect soporific voice that puts me into snooze land right away. Also avoid Chicago's O'Hare airport whenever you can. They should change the name from the Windy City to the You-Ain't-Leavin'-On-Time City.

Give yourself extra time so you don't make yourself crazy in an already crazy terror-alert-code world. Be prepared to be a little inconvenienced and to discover that some of the people around you got short shrift when they were handing out manners, and for heaven's sake, don't say to the flight attendant when she asks what you'd like to drink, "I'll have what the pilot is having."

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