

In Eighty Days Around the World

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(Three principals are take-offs, but all other names are drawn from 1872 Jules Verne installment-novel.)

Modestly well-off Bay Area eccentric, reticent cartographer, Mr. Finesse Fog ascended with a nod, stood by his boast to banker Gauthier Ralph, who signed-off on the outrageous wager and restated agreed-upon conditions. "No planes, no cars. No more than 3000 engine sea miles seamed together, until broke by 500 miles of other modes. No more than 1000 engine other miles per mode, until broke by 250 other miles. Engine Sea Miles cannot exceed All Other Miles travelled. Wager set at \$750,000, you front all expenses, yet all reimbursed should you succeed. For your companionship and comfort...and maybe for a recounting, but mostly my humor, I engaged for you an amiable, willing, capable valet."

"Are you agreed? Please, your name." "Passport." "Of course...and you?" "No, that's my name." "Splendid No-Thot...please, gather my valise. So Mr. Ralph, I and my new companion endeavor to encircle the globe in 80 days, to return here hence. Clock begins ticking at 9:15 pm. Adieu."

	From Here	Mode of Travel	Days per Mode	Engine Sea Miles	All Other Miles	Speed (miles per day)
	To There					
"Passport, if you would accost that horse carriage, we'll repair to Manor, transfer charts, \$500,000 into valise...henceforth your precious burden." [Second only to NY for density, city (fo. 1776) tested first cable car in 1873]	16-Across					
"Mr. Fog, I have employed for us a cutter manned by a Capt. Speedy, set for anchors away in an hour." "Superb, Passport...do you play Gin Rummy?" [Once Russian, city (inc. 1920) is larger than RI, kick-off for Iditarod Dog Race]	5-Down	1-Down Cutter	5		2000	400
"Quick, Passport, a freighter called the 'Henrietta' departs within minutes." "Mr. Fog, the pier is a half-mile away!" "So nothing to be done for it...run!" [North prefecture island (off. 1947), known for seafood, capital Sapporo for beer]	9-Down	Freighter	4	3000		750
"Come Passport, let us partake of ale and Gin Rummy in this parlor before embarking in an hour." "Aha, I'm out, Mr. Fog! And out of time, sir...run!" [Formerly Edo, city (off. 1603) is world's most populated, largest economy]	10-Down	Light Rail w/ Ferry Hop	1		550	50 (mph)
"I've contracted for us a berth on the Bullet, Mr. Fog. Departure at noon." "Well my fine friend, time enough for a rejuvenating bath and a massage." [Misspelled (!?) south prefecture capital (fo. 1889), forcibly Samurai named]	12-Down*	Bullet Train	1		550	85 (mph)

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"Mr. Fog, no commercial bookings are available today, but if we're willing to labor as part of fare, these three fishermen here agree to transport us." [Second most populous city (4000 BC?) and also the world's busiest port]	14-Down	Fishing 67-Across	2	550		225
"Come along Passport...two hours are ours. Time for sake, rice, and fish." "To add time, comfort, Mr. Fog, should we not hire this rickshaw driver?" [Once British, island city (est. 1898), billionaire roost, reliable public transport]	33-Across	Train	2		800	400
"Good news, Mr. Fog...I have arranged a one-day traverse. Not so good... we pay hefty, don blindfolds, ignore our Viet opium runners...some stops." [Once French, major industrial Vietnam city (fo. 1887) on Red River Delta]	64-Across	Cigarette 43-Down	1	600		140 ! (mph)
"Passport, we do seem delayed by train's disrepair, with sea miles costly." "Oy! Mr. Fog, I propose we engage an entrant in tomorrow's annual race." [Second largest Myanmar city (fo. 1857), royal capital of Burma till Brits ('85)]	85-Across	103-Down Balloon	2		325	17 (mph)
"So Passport, the trains enjoy good repair yet zigzag most inconveniently. In the stead, acquire two tickets at nearby station, arrange edible stores." [Bangladesh capital (medieval) is home to 9 million souls, 17th century hub]	102-Across	13-Across	2		400	200
"Oh, Mr. Fog! An avalanche befell the rails ahead! We are truly delayed." "Can you ride? As now Mr. Bunsby here needs to <i>drive</i> his cattle to market." [Oldest operating Indian port (est. 1690), business hub, Brit capital till 1911]	128-Across	74-Down 80-Down	2		200	100
"I say, Passport, we could do with a bit of comfort. Book us a berth each." "If I never ride...and blimey! She's departing! Double-step, Mr. Fog...leap!" [On 1800-foot Malwa Plateau, India's "Cleanest City" (465 AD), one of densest]	101-Down	Train	2		800	600
"Mr. Fog, onward train goes 300 miles non-stop...a violation of conditions." "Luckily I found, retained the services of this Parsee and his mate Kiouni." [Only Delhi more populous, west megacity (3rd cent.) has natural deep harbor]	100-Down	47-Down	4		450	110
"Mr. Fog, I booked us one-day conveyance on God-knows-what sea craft." "Hot air is captured under pontoons, light friction allows for quick travel." [Populous UAE city (1800s), traditional merchantile hub, transformed by oil]	112-Down	119-Across Foil Ferry	1	1200		75 (mph)

	From Here To There	Mode of Travel	Days per Mode	Engine Sea Miles	All Other Miles	Speed (miles per day)
"Midnight, enough miles this day...say, gentlemen with nets at this hour?" "Turns Mr. Fog, our comfort, but not progress, is delayed...labor for passage." [Persian Gulf country (600 AD?) composed of 51 natural islands, multi-ethnic]	89-Down	Fishing Trawler	1	250		15 (mph)
"Bad timing Mr. Fog...a severe dust storm alas encumbers our progress." "Be of stout heart, Passport, as Mr. Cromarty here offers rugged conveyance." [Saudi Arabian capital (named 1590), sits at 2000 feet, 5 million yearly tourists]	98-Down	Camel 84-Down w/ 132-Across	7		500	70
"If I never ride...oh no! Mr. Fog, we best bustle if we are to catch the 3:10." "Imagine Passport: three days of relaxation, repose...and Gin Rummy. Run!" [Muhammad birthplace, Saudi city hosts pilgrimages at triple its population]	Mecca	46-Across	3		800	300
"Oh Mr. Fog...this modern world! From the coast, the only option is flight." "Passport, can you sail? Then we bus to Jeddah, purchase a suitable vessel." [Largest African city (fo. 969 AD), 20 million souls, boasts of the Giza Pyramids]	108-Down	Catamaran	10		1000	100
"Passport! A young lady spilt from yonder vessel! Hard to port...and you are rescued, Miss." "My name's Miss Awtawn. As thanks, travel home with us." [Second largest Sicilian city (8th cent. BC), port faces the Ionian Sea to the east]	Catania	77-Across	4	1000		35 (mph)
"Monsieur Finesse, a recent flood washed away a crucial bridge. But if you two gentlemen feel adventurous -- silly conjecture -- I'll supply and lead us." [Off Tyrrhenian Sea, largest city (fo. 1734), known for its culture, gastronomy]	Palermo	31-Down Glider	1		100	20 (mph)
"Ever grateful am I, Miss Awtawn..." "Mr. Fog! Have you any EMT skills? We gain passage in exchange." "No." "Monsieurs, I am a certified nurse." [Mediterranean Sea city (Roman times), tourist destination, '92 Olympics host]	73-Down	Medical 48-Across	4	650		180
"Monsieur Finesse, hate to impose, but more expeditious to reunite with my Papa in the States..." "Miss, we would only be honored by your company." [Iberian Peninsula port city, one of world's oldest, tourism, international hub]	117-Across w/ 129-Across	Train	2		625	300
"'The Carnatic' sails at sunrise, but Capt. Fix hauls containers, not people." "Buy an RV, provisions. I'll arrange for a container. Miss, bribe Capt. Fix." [New England port city (fo. 1630), known for universities, history...tea parties]	94-Across w/ 123-Across	27-Across Ship	5	3000		600

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"Passport, please book three first-class berths, and reserve a table for two?" "Certainly Monsieur Finesse...an honor and a privilege, as you would say." [Third most US populous, Lake Michigan city (inc. 1837), site of 1871 super-fire]	82-Across	Train	2		850	425
"My apologies for the discomfort, Miss Auwtahn. But as you persist in accompanying us, please know that wager conditions demand sacrifice." [Largest in Nebraska, this Missouri River city (fo. 1854) invented Ruebens]	52-Across	Bus	2		450	225
"Come along sore-back companions. Let's luxuriate in first-class for awhile." "My gratitudes Monsieur Finesse. Please Passport, reserve a table for two?" [For Overland Trail, military outpost in 1864, fourth populous Colorado city]	Fort 28-Across	Train	2		500	250
"Mr. Fog! Not moments before did I hear of a Greyhound strike! Delayed!" "Not so...a bootlegger, a one Mr. Flanagan, agrees to horse-draw us hence." [World's eighth largest inland water body, habitat for millions of waterfowl]	16-Down	Stage 84-Across	3		350	120
"Disaster Mr. Fog! Greyhound strike bled into an AmTrak strike. No trains!" "Rest easy Passport. From one Mr. Stuart, we've purchased his conveyance." "Mr. Stuart, you say you've water but not coal enough...brace for a shock." "Companions! Strip all burnables down to metal frame! Feed that boiler!" "Oh Mr. Fog...after all those miles, we've encircled the globe 15 minutes to the tardy, having lost a full day going west across International Dateline."	Back Home	68-Down Engine Train	5		960	75 (mph)
"All is well Passport. I won a best friend...and a magnificent wife?" "Oh yes." "And a wager!" "Mr. Ralph!" "Wager's for 80 days <i>your</i> time! Ya beat Fogg!" "Ah...by one day. Mr. Ralph, Passport, Miss Auwtahn, let's adjourn to a table."		TOTAL	80	10,250	12,210	

- 1 Middle English-ish animal lard*
- 5 Appendage
- 8 Spouted
- 18 Wheels
- 20 Off-shoot
- 23 "Gimme a moment!"
- 24 "Alright!"
- 26 60s hit "___ Pilot"
- 29 When tripled, a fat man's exclamation
- 31 Corny
- 32 Initials of youngest actress (1963 -), won Academy, at ten for performance in '74 "Paper Moon" (opposite father Ryan)*
- 36 Initials of American actress (1932 - 11), dazzled in '44 "National Velvet" and '61 "Cleopatra". Burned through 7 exes!*
- 37 Source of instinctual bias
- 38 Miss Auwtahn carefully prepared Bhindi Arbi Masala ___ Root Stew for her two appreciated travel companions.
- 40 Being towed by boat?
- 42 Bolvine lowing
- 44 Awkward, outright stupid excuse of a human
- 47 Latin for "and others"
- 51 Initials of mag with annual swimsuit feature*
- 53 Bumper-stickered religious suggestion?
- 55 Ad-talk for "luminous"
- 56 Initials of actor employed in "Legally Blonde" and "Royal Tenebaums" (both '01), probably o'er shaded by brother Owen*
- 58 Family includes Small Cobra and Horned Viper
- 59 Global outfit
- 60 App
- 61 Way type?
- 62 Inert chemical element #10 (inert means element is unattractive due to its electrons filling outer ring -- in this case, 2 inner plus 8 outer)
- 65 Who to blame?
- 70 Old Squirrel comforts Young Squirrel, "We're not trapped. I've been ___ a tree before this."
- 72 Fans eat Thai food when this starts?
- 73 Henry V: "___ ne'er so vile, this day shall gentle his condition."
- 75 Way type?

- 76 Initials of Hiromi Uehara (1979 -), female Japanese jazz composer known for virtuosic, energetic technique
- 80 Initials of French actress/singer (1934 -), once-aspiring ballerina who catapulted to '50s - 60s sex symbol*
- 83 Small dam
- 86 Alpha-Soup for Rate Of Return
- 87 Initials of Vermont revolutionary (1738 - 89), a philosophic writer who led The Green Mountain Boys*
- 88 Opening syllables of classic incantation
- 91 State north of MA, east of VT, west of ME, 10th least populous in 5th least area
- 92 2 prefix
- 93 Initials of knighted actor (1922 - 15), portrayed Dracula, Scaramanga (Bond, '74), Count Dooku, and Saruman*
- 97 Alpha-Soup for doctor's digital notes*
- 99 Peculiar impression
- 100 Who's it all about, Alphie?
- 105 Six-pack
- 106 Decide
- 109 Somewhat
- 111 Latin abbreviation for "Year of the Lord"*
- 113 "Mongrel, stop!"
- 116 In a groove
- 118 Initials of New Orleans trumpeter (1901 - 71), vocalist who scored a Grammy for '64 "Hello Dolly" (performed with Streisand in '69)*
- 121 ___ scrubbing is likened to the Butler absorbed with his polishing
- 124 "___ bird..."
- 126 Initials of English actor in '88 "Die Hard" and '99 "Galaxy Quest", also Snape portrayer*
- 127 Cry
- 130 "I'm cold."
- 131 "...___ a plane..."
- 134 Initials of Ralph Emerson (1803 - 82), philosophical poet with 1500 lectures to his credit (mostly about individualism)
- 135 Latin initials for "that is"*
- 136 "See me when you're finished. I'll ___."
- 137 Way type?

- 2 Locally called Waladli, an independent Lesser Antilles island (means Spanish for "ancient")
- 3 "___ says you're crazy...are you?"
- 4 Snazzy Jet Setter in the 70s?*
- 6 Initials of New Zealand actor who internationally catapulted with 2000 "Gladiator"*
- 7 Socialize
- 8 Hustle
- 11 What an anorexic does
- 13 Initials of Hawaiian-born Illinois senator, later to become the hoop-shooting president*
- 15 Store chain sold to Walmart in 1981*
- 17 Initials of Oakland female aviator (1897 - 37), first to solo Atlantic, crashed with crew in almost-completed world flight*
- 19 Initials of Trisha Yearwood (1964 -), celebrity chef, country musician known for '91 single "She's in Love With the Boy"
- 21 Work unit
- 22 Space
- 23 Misfortune
- 25 Bard's above
- 27 Pros other consideration
- 30 So so
- 33 St. Mr. Fog would have early traversed were it not that distances and timing worked unfavorable
- 34 "Ooh...ain't ___ shine when..."
- 35 What our puzzle's intrepid travellers were doing: "___ the distance!"
- 39 Resonates
- 41 ___ begotten...
- 45 Initials of comic actor (1892 - 57), partnered with Stan Laurel for 107 short films (1927 - 55)*
- 46 Find
- 49 "That weed, Pop."
- 50 "Whatever"
- 53 Initials of silversmith/engraver (1734 - 18), who one night horsed-about bellowing about unwanted visitors*
- 54 "Ooh... ___ the good die young..."
- 55 Large African antelope with a drooping beard, tufted tail, and curved horns
- 57 "___ here?"
- 60 Venice thanx
- 63 Initials of naval aviator (1930 - 89), test pilot, first astronaut to "walk on the moon"*

66	"I didn't quite get that."
69	Thompson or Watson
71	Major USA road-trip: from __ ...
78	...to __
79	Initials of African-American activist (1966 - 82), who with Bobby Seale co-founded the Black Panther Party *
81	Corporate "Have-To-Do-This-And-Can't-Do-That" nonsense
82	Intriguing gang
83	Borscht necessity
90	Initials of Rhys Ifans (1967 -), Welsh actor/musician who portrayed villain in '12 "The Amazing Spider-Man"
92	Particle type
95	Award for Off-Broadway theater
96	Disconcerting bicycle sound
104	"I know I'm late, Mrs. Burgenmiser, but my mom gave me __ ."
107	Alpha-Soup for building-wide computer system*
110	Initials of singer/dancer/actor (1925 - 90), starred with fellow Rat Packers in '60 "Oceans 11", song highlight "Candy Man Can"*
113	Reddish purple
114	__Tok
115	Dorothy to Tin Man
119	Initials of actress (1974 -), won Academies and Globes for work in '99 "Boys Don't Cry" and '04 "Million Dollar Baby"*
120	Scrap
122	Initials of Australian actress (1967 -), starred in '99 "Eyes Wide Shut" and '01 "Moulin Rouge"*
123	Women's T-shirt
125	Real McCoy, in ads
130	Initials of religious leader (1801 - 77), known as "American Moses" who founded Salt Lake City*
133	Initials of Austrian visionary/inventor who co-engineered alternating electrical current (last name also a unit of magnetic flux density)*

1	Saim [I know...lame out of the gate]
4	Mr. SST
6	Russel Crowe
12	Fukoka (correct: Fukuoka)
13	Barack Obama
15	Big-K
17	Amelia Earhart
32	Tatum O'Neal
36	Elizabeth Taylor
45	Oliver Hardy
51	Sports Illustrated
53	Paul Revere
56	Luke Wilson
63	Neil Armstrong
79	Huey Newton
80	Brigitte Bardot
87	Ethan Allen
93	Christopher Lee
97	Electrical Medical Records
107	Local Area Network
110	Sammy Davis
111	anno domini
118	Louis Armstrong
119	Hilary Swank
122	Nicole Kidman
126	Alan Rickman
130	Brigham Young
133	Nikola Tesla
135	id est