

Mission to Almaty, Kazakhstan

26th - 27th November 2014

WEDNESDAY 26th of November

9 AM - Amsterdam, Netherlands

It seems everyone is eager to get hump day over with. It is the middle of the week and is still too far for the weekend.

And I got the email signal. I am off!

11 AM - Schiphol airport

It will be tight for the connection in Paris but my gate in AMS is set. I just hope I am able to indulge in a Macaroon in Paris. I mean, how can you not!



15 PM Paris - The city of dreams

Paris, what a RUSH. I just sat down on my flight. I am so blessed, I have been given a chance to travel to places being an ANGEL for Wings, and it definitely keeps my life interesting. I wish I had some time in France to buy gifts, but it was a very very short turn over. I RAN on the moving sidewalks. I have to admit I was a bit clueless my way around the airport but Wings was right there by my side the whole way.

I have the package pack away just above me so I know it is safe.

Istanbul - Turkey

Well, I am on the next flight. I had some time at the airport to find a plug outlet and charge my phone. I updated the Wings app to announce that I am ready to take the second plane.

Happily no one seat beside me, so I can keep my box in a safe place. With the time difference I am not sure if they are going to give me dinner but for sure breakfast.

My layover in Istanbul has been really short I didn't even have time for a coffee.

The pilot just made an announcement: 9 degrees in Almaty. Glad I have the winter coat, scarf and gloves.

I love to travel and I must say this is the furthest I have been. Actually I think I will have to calculate it, I was in Australia before, that could be my furthest point.

In the plane it is interesting to see the variety of choices one can select to amuse oneself; from games, travel maps, music, movies...Personally I choose 2 movies to full fill the time. Let's talk about airline food...The food here is interesting, but I am content.



Now that I am finally in the last plane I can relax and enjoy Almaty. Who knows which gifts I can pick up?

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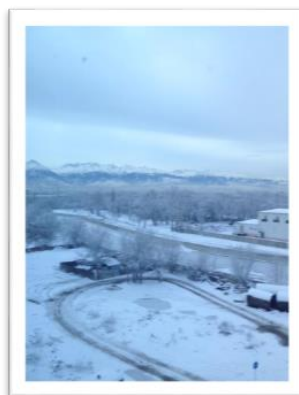
07:00 AM - Almaty - Kazakhstan

Landed in Almaty and phoned my contact to deliver the package.

The passport control line looks frightening. Not a big deal at all. My contact call me to find out where I am. The client has no problems with customs to clear the part. Apparently, the client thinks I am good luck 😊. He could not believe how smooth everything went.

I give him the package, making sure he signs the proof of delivery and then he helps me to arrive to my hotel. He negotiates for me a price with the taxi and help me to exchange money.

After saying goodbye to him I take the taxi to the hotel for an small nap because my big plan is to spend the afternoon in the MEGA mall.

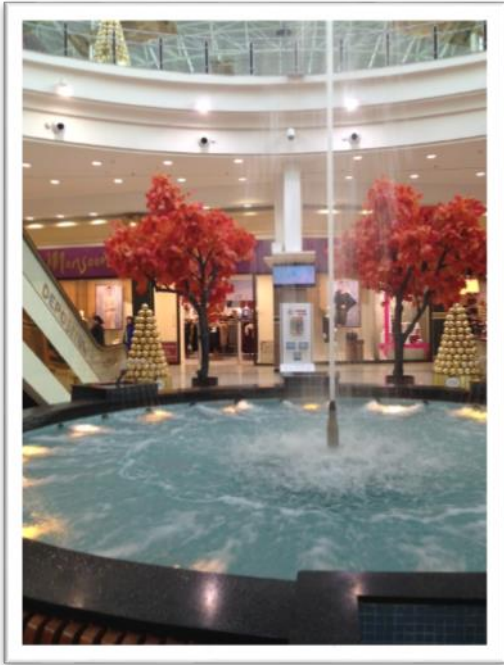


12 PM Discovering Almaty

I have to negotiate the price of the taxi because since I spent most of my money on my gifts, I am running low on funds.

The name of MEGA mall really says it all. The decoration is completely on Christmas spirit. I love the snow but seems it gives an excuse to people here to drive crazy. Just because you cannot see the lines in the road does not mean there are not there.

Last thing to do before I turn in for the evening: make a snow person. Olaf would be PROUD



17:00 PM Heading to Almaty airport

Need to get up at the crack of the dawn for my flight back to reality. Wings, this has been a great experience.

Thank you!

