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## FLY THE FRIENDLY SKIES

It's sleek, energy efficient, and the longest commercial aircraft in the United States. The whole fleet of Boeing 747 planes have flown more than 5 billion people. What else makes these awesome airplanes stand out?

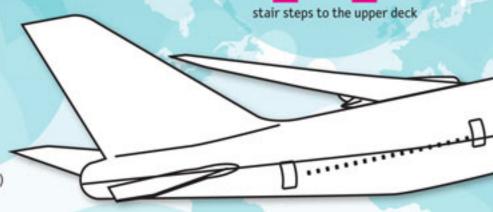
Fuel tank holds: U.S. GALLONS (238,604 L)

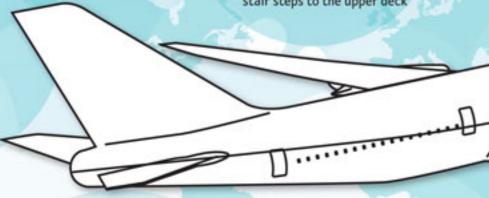
That amount of fuel would fill the tank of over 5,000 small cars!



length of time it takes the jet to travel the length of a marathon (26.2 miles/42.2 km)









Length: That's as long as

a 25-story building is tall.



This plane could fly from Miami, Florida, U.S.A., to London, United Kingdom, and back, before landing.

1 wing can fit in the same floor space as 4 houses, each with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths.