

**a new generation of historians on flight NZ449  
(for Aroha)**

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it's complimentary happy hour on NZ449:  
little plates of cheese, and wine or beer in plastic cups

smiling people who can serve us in english, french or japanese  
even though there's a koru on the tail of this plane.

asinine questions for suburbandog millionaires on a monday afternoon  
small hanging screens

a trivia game, an opiate for the masses  
cycling through a series of claims about the world:

*which is further west: chad, oman or mali?*

and it's a dirty trick to play:

on a plane which speaks three languages  
from north of the equator;

on a world that isn't flat anymore,  
where everywhere is further west than  
somewhere.

