

Getting AROUND

TRANSPORTATION TODAY

1849

Date of the first documented air attack, when an Austrian hot air balloon dropped a 50 pound bomb on the island of Murano, near Venice.

7000

Average number of bags lost daily by the airline industry. Of every 1000 bags handled, 5 are lost.

\$385 MILLION

Amount in airplane damages caused annually by bird strikes, according to the FAA.

18,397

Number of buses in the world's largest fleet, owned by the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation in India.

6.1 MILLION

Somalia's camel population, the world's largest.

7.7 MILLION

Somalia's human population.

WORLD'S FASTEST TRAINS

FRANCE	320 MPH
JAPAN	277 MPH
GERMANY	255 MPH
ITALY	186 MPH
BELGIUM	186 MPH
USA	150 MPH

4000 MILES

Distance from Eritropia to South Africa, walked by the nomadic Bantu people in pursuit of fresh cattle pastures in the 1700s. Along the way, the Bantu "sowed their wild oats," spawning the Masai of Kenya, the Zulu of South Africa, the Maukua of Tanzania, the Yau of Mozambique, the Tutsi/Hutu of Rwanda, and the Baganda of Uganda, to name a few.

8 YEARS

Length of the longest horse-drawn journey completed in 1998 by a British family who traveled 17,200 miles around the world in a trailer.



INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS ARCHIVE

\$938,567

Amount that Panos Media, a research institute, estimates the 70 year lifespan of a Kenyan elephant is worth in tourist revenue.

80,832

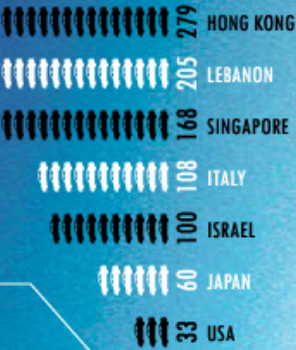
Number of licensed rickshaws in Delhi, India.

500,000

Estimated number of total rickshaws in Delhi.

12,053 Number of yellow taxis in New York City

VEHICLE TRAFFIC PER KILOMETER OF ROAD SELECTED COUNTRIES, 1998



347 Average number of people injured or killed in Armenia for every 1000 vehicles, making Armenians the world's worst drivers. In the USA, the number is 16.

The most popular vehicle in the world today is the bicycle. There are over 1.4 billion bicycles in service today and only about 400 million cars. In China alone, there are over 500 million bicycles in use. Every year more than 35,000 Chinese cyclists die from bike accidents.

CARS & TRUCKS PER 1000 PEOPLE

USA	785
GERMANY	583
JAPAN	558
MEXICO	151
VIETNAM	56
INDIA	25

MOTORBIKES PER 1000 PEOPLE

JAPAN	110
INDIA	25
VIETNAM	56
GERMANY	55
USA	15
MEXICO	13

214% Growth in number of mega-yachts (80 feet or more) since 1996, from 2,800 to over 6000 today.

Cost of the average US honeymoon, which typically lasts 9 days and involves a trip to the Caribbean, the Bahamas, or to Europe. \$3,365