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We had a great vacation in Vermont

We flew out of Los Angeles airport - LAX. We brought our dog Teddy with us. He was in a carrier and fit perfectly under my seat. We had a really interesting and annoying experience departing on our flight. All of the passengers on the plane were buckled in their seats, all ready to go. Then the captain gets on the intercom and says there is a weather delay and we will have to wait at the gate for 2 hours before take-off. This is the kicker - - the captain said WE ALL HAD TO STAY SEATED ON THE PLANE AT THE GATE FOR 2 HOURS!!!!! Is this guy freakin' kiddin' me??!!! Obviously he doesn't travel much with kids, the moron.

Well as a travel agent I figured out the airline's strategy. If they can keep the passengers on the plane even though they are delayed taking off, they can still say that they are on time because they have all of their passengers boarded on the plane. They really should have just let us all wait in the airport and then board a 1/2 hour before takeoff. Those Rat Bastards....

So there we sat...for two hours that seemed to be more like an eternity. I think I would have rather been having contraction in labor...LOL!!

I took Teddy out of the carrier and he sat on my lap and then we played musical laps and he sat on everyone's lap. That lasted for maybe...20 minutes. Ok...we had 1 hour 40 minutes to go.

Thank God I packed a duffle bag full of BRIBERY food for the girls. I think in the course of an hour the girls ate every morsel that I had packed.

I need to mention that Daddy Cliff had told me why am I going to so much trouble with food on the plane. I told him I want to be prepared. He gave me a hard time about it. Well, when we were on the plane, he had to eat his words. That man scavenger-ed for a bologna sandwich and had some other goodies too. I told him wifie always knows. Oh yes, Wifie always knows best :-)

So now we were down to a one hour's wait. Can someone please just throw me out of the Emergency Exit please???

So now I start opening up the girls backpacks. I had packed all kinds of fun things thought I bought in the dollar section at target. So they had lots of fun peaking through their loot.

Thank goodness I had packed their Mickey and Minnie Mouse plush toys. They all played with those for a good 20 minutes.

The stewardess had mentioned they were going to be bringing COMPLIMENTARY food and beverages on the plane while we were crammed in like sardines on the plane. Well, no dice!! No food and no drinks. We were stranded like starving and parched scavengers. It sucked beans.

Finally at the T Minus 10 minute mark before the 2 hours were up, we finally got to hear our almighty captain announce that we could get going. Then the witch of a stewardess who promised us the free food and drinks announced that food would be available for $10 and said nothing about when the beverages would be handed out. Ok, I was getting pissed. American Airlines is screwed up. Maybe they should change their name to Fucked UP American Airlines.

Thank goodness we had a nonstop flight to Boston. Could you imagine what it would have been like to try to catch a connecting flight to Albany, NY? We would have surely missed it and then would have had to beg or even cut off our leg for compassion.for stand by seats on another flight.

So our original arrival time in Boston was supposed to be 9pm which then turned into 10:30pm.

We got to our car rental at Alamo just fine. Of course the girls had to use the portable potty before loading up in the car. We set off for Vermont at about 11:45pm.

The ride went smooth. Teddy was so happy to be out of his carrier. He slept like a baby in my lap the whole 5 hour drive.

What a way to start out our vacation!!

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