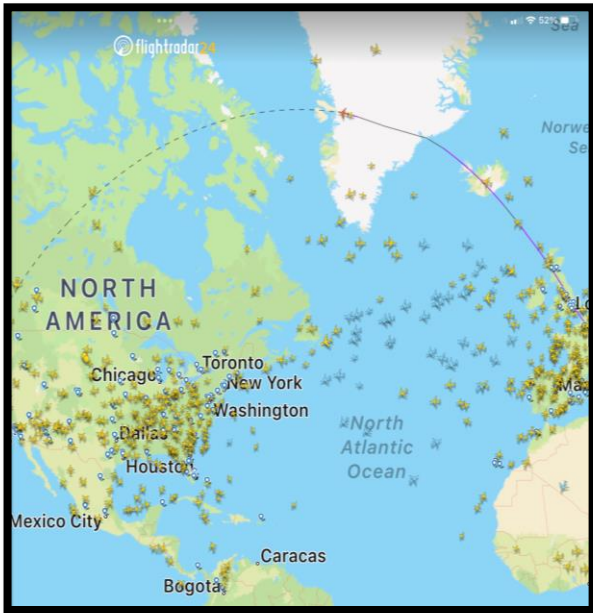


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Aboard Air Canada Flight 848

Welcome aboard! The first leg of our journey, from Calgary to Frankfurt, takes us over Greenland.



Looking at this flat map it appears that our Air Canada pilot is either lost or drunk. Greenland seems to be a gross deviation from an efficient flight plan. Fortunately, the pilot is probably sober, he is following a *great circle* route around the globe, the shortest distance between two points.

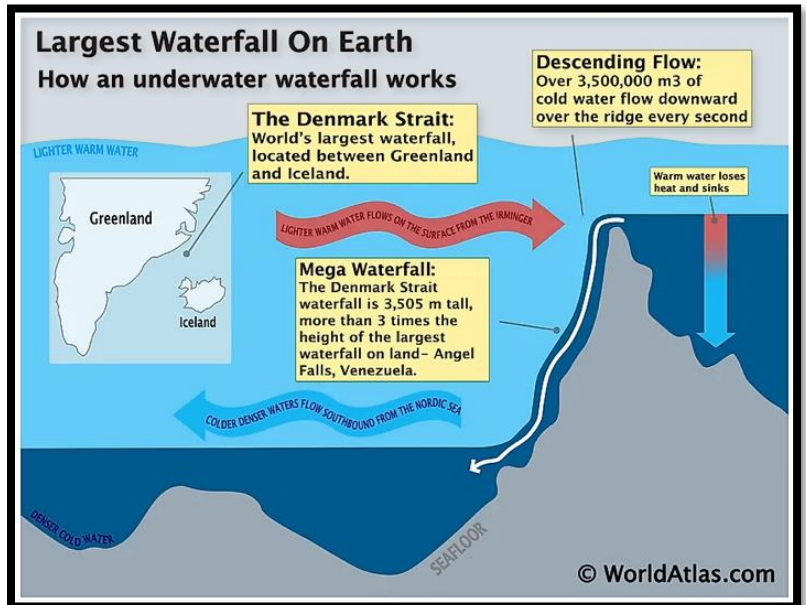
Our pilot may not be drunk, but the world's map makers obviously are. If you look closely at this chart, you will notice Greenland isn't green, and Iceland isn't ice.

I have never had much desire to visit Greenland, but I was doing a bit of research while waiting for this flight and I think I might ask the pilot to do a low-and-slow pass on Greenland's eastern shore. The biggest waterfall in the world is there and I would like to see it.

Niagara Falls dumps water at a rate of 85,000 cubic feet per second. The falls near Greenland spill 175,000,000 cubic feet of water every second, 2000 times as much.

Angel Falls in Venezuela is 800 meters high; Greenland's falls are three and a half kilometers from top to bottom.

There is a catch however, Greenland's falls are under water.





It turns out, our pilot was drunk. When I asked him to do a fly-by over the falls, he dropped the Boeing 787 Dreamliner down to 500' above sea level and banked hard right. I was able to take this photo out the starboard window.

The pilot was mumbling some incoherent babble, which I chalked up to too much schnapps, but I later learned he was simply saying the name of the falls in Danish ...

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