

83 Times Around the World - but Kerry Still Beats Lavrov

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

Russia's top diplomat Sergei Lavrov has flown the world over 83 times during his time in office — but if flight time is anything to go by, [it is not enough](#) to beat his U.S. counterpart, John Kerry.

Since taking up his position as Russian foreign minister 12 years ago, the time Sergei Lavrov has spent in the air is the equivalent of 178.5 full days, covering a distance of more than 3.3 million kilometers, the Kommersant business daily reported Wednesday, citing data from the Foreign Ministry.

That is roughly the same as flying around the world 83 times, according to the report.

Last year, Lavrov flew to China, the U.S., Malaysia, Colombia and several CIS and European countries, the report said.

Lavrov's travels pale in comparison to the time spent above the clouds by Kerry. In three

years, Kerry has flown a distance of roughly 1.6 million kilometers, a public travel log on the State Department's website shows.

Though the U.S. State Department keeps a public record of Secretary of State John Kerry's travels, this is the first time Russian records have been made public, according to Kommersant.

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