24th January

Dear diary

Finally I finished my studies and got coveted ATPL and 2nd Captain Rank. 5 years of hard work , lot of self-denials, learning for tests day by day. Sum up, I am proud of myself that I end it with great results and have dream profession in LOT Polish Airlines.

26th January

3 hours ago I woke up in Seul after flight from Warsaw. The flight was exciting and without of problems.In Warsaw we had little delay because of rain. We come to the b787 cockpit and started TAXI procedures. Firstly, we got information to TAXI to runway 34L via D4 , C5 and A2. Then contact with ATC on 125,25 MHZ. Everything was so amazing. Finally plane came to runway 34L. We got permission to start. Contact with ATC on 136,24 MHZ and climb to 5000 feet. Then climb 15000 ft and 36000ft. We left Polish air zone. I programmed computer with special informations and was watching sky through the windows. We flew via Russia , Mongolia , China and Japan.The air traffic controllers in Asia have got specific word stress and sometimes I could not understood few words. Anyway after 13 hours of flying I end it and we will have required break. 1st captain said: congratulations ! You ended your 1st flight without fails !. We left the cockpit and went to the hotel. I didn’t know that the hotel rooms could be so big ! Now I am prepare for flight from Seul to Warsaw. This is the best job on the world !.

30th January

I am still at home and waiting for infomations about new flight. My girlfriend is angry because now we should fly to RPA for holidays. Unfortunately one of the pilots is ill and I must substitute him. I know that family is very important but sometimes I don’t have impact to situations like this. I will start prepare my suitcase for this unexpected flight as 2nd captain.

PS. Warsaw-----> New York !. USA I am coming !

31th January

Wow. This flight was completely different and so boring. After contact with ATC in Ireland you are above Atlantic Ocean and fly without contact for more than 6 hours. Just you and 1st Captain. Sometimes other plane will contact with you because they need informations about your position in the air . What is more my captain didn’t want to talk more than he had to. When we started descent to level 15000ft I understood how this work is exhausting. I love this work but it is not easy to control big plane when you are tired and want to sleep. Fast contact with ATC and I heard : LOT3609 go to LIMA 5 via DELTA2 and maintain level 12000ft. We got informations about bomb in the passanger terminal and we had to wait for instructions. I felt adrenaline. More than 20 planes in the air and lot of informations about actual situation in the NY airport. About 30 minutes later we were landing. I asked controller about bomb. He said it was fake telephone but they were obligated to send special forces to check it. Stupid joke and airport is paralysed. When I was walking to the bus I phoned to my girlfriend. She was waiting for my phone because she saw informations about bomb in the airport. She was crying … I felt so bad. Pilot job is well paid, you are esteemed person but if your family need you sometimes you are too far.

12th February

We are in Cape Town for holidays. It is in RPA. 7 days in awesome hotel with great people. It is my first trip to the Africa and I am little bit nervous because I heard it is not very safe continent. In the first day we were on Safari. Our group come to big trucks and we were going through bush to the small town called Simonstad. Here we were visiting big rookery of penguins. For 5$ you could get photo with this funny animals. Later we had lunch break. Me and Gabby ordered pizza because their traditional food is awful. After 30 minutes we were continue our trip. Fast visit in souvenir shop and we were going to hotel. It was 12 pm and was so hot. Fortunately we took more than 6 bottles of water so I was not thirsty. In the hotel air conditioning broke down. Gabby and me were so tired. We got idea to went to the beach. I saw lot of fantastic exotic fish and other animals. In my opinion the best was coral reef. It was looking like rainbow under water. Unfortunately I hadn’t got camera to took photos. I was disappointed because I was sure we took it. I decided to buy one in RPA because I wanted to have souvenirs. I will do it tomorrow because I should check where is the nearest electrical store.

13th February

I bought fantastic camera for 250 $ but I lost it … I left it for 1 minute on bench and my camera wandered off. First rule : DON’T LEAVE EXPENSIVE THINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES. I phoned for my girlfriend and we were searching for more than 2 hours. When I decided to stop searching I saw my camera in the shop window. I understood it was pawnshop. I asked shop assistant for price of my camera. He said 500$. I showed him receipt with price and he decided to sell me this camera for 300$. Then Gabby said to give back this camera because it is stolen and he could get into troubles. But he only started laughing and said we could buy it for 270 $. Because I knew it was last chance to take photos in RPA and they don’t have other camera I decided to buy MY BRAND NEW CAMERA. Sum up I bought it 2 times for 520$. Great deal. One of the most expensive electronic equipment in my live. We had only 4 days left of our great trip so we will try to do lot of photos.

18th February

Today we left RPA. 7 days of fantastic trip. Now we are flying to the Frankfurt and from Frankfurt to Kraków. It will take about 16 hours. Gabby has got still furlough but I am going back to work. We will see where I will fly now. I am so excited about my work and looking forward for new challenges. I don’t know what job would be so fascinating for me except flying of course. Fireman ? Policeman ? Soldier ? Maybe teacher ? No. For as long I can remember I wanted become pilot. I started my adventure with flying when I tried to get into Dęblin ( military highschool where young people are learning how to become jet pilot ) Unfortunately I didn’t get there. Why ? I got some problems with heart and it that’s why I couldn’t become jet pilot. I went to normal college in my city. End it with good results and get into Politechnika Rzeszowska. Now I can say : WORTH. I made my dreams came true ! . I have got everything what I wanted . It is so good when you enjoy your life. I remember moments when I was in middle school and I couldn’t be happy because I knew my life was not total. I was still waiting and it happened. I become pilot and this is the biggest achievement in my life.

19th February

Today I am in one of the biggest airports in the World, Tokyo Narita. Flight was very enjoyable but when we were above Russia one passenger get drunk and we had problem with him. He become very aggressive. We decided to land in Moscow. It was not comfortable situation because we had to cancel our flight plan and finally got big delay. But it was not the end of our problems. In Moscow they didn’t have any parking place at all. ATC controller suggested to wait about 20 minutes and send us to second circle around Moscow. We couldn’t wait because this passenger was very aggressive. Captain decided to contact with ATC and describe this situation. He told them that this man was running in the plane, he said he got knife etc. Controlled gave us permission to land and in less than 5 minutes we landed. What happened with this passenger ? He was removed from board. I know the captain’s story was just a little bit unreal but it doesn’t matter. Safety was the most important. After 2 hours we fueled and again took off from the airport. It was my first time when I took off by myself. Very good experience. Standard procedures and we climbed on 12 km. Luckily we got big winds and overcompensated our delay to 1h. At the 5:20 am we landed in the Narita. We were ending checklist when suddenly I saw that 1st engine didn’t want to turn off. What to do now ? Wait for run out of fuel or try to turn it off manual ? Together with Captain we started to find a solution. Firstly I walked out from the cockpit and checked the engine. It was no damaged. Where was the problem ? In computer on board. Russian fuel is bad quality and something plugged sensors inside left wing. I reported damage to service and they repaired that. Finally we were going to hotel. Fast dinner and now I am going to sleep. Tomorrow our crew is going to visit Fuji. I wonder about souvenir for family. Now must go to sleep because I am so tired.

20th February

Pilot job is amazing. We are not only flying around the World and visit different countries but we can also explore amazing places. 15 minutes ago I was on Fuji. The biggest mountain in Japan. It is very nice place but on the mountain top is very cold. We met group of pilots from Germany. They are visit Japan very often because their airlines is one of the biggest. They showed us most interesting places , shops and good restaurants. I have got photo with them. It was very great time and I bought some interesting souvenirs like figurine of japanish cat, small japanish flag and samurai’s helmet. At 13:00 we will fly again to Warsaw so we are back to the airport.

21th February

The flight has been cancelled because of big typhoon. We are waiting for better weather in safety rooms in hotel. We changed our flight plan and I have got free time so I can describe my room. It is typical room in Japanese style. The walls are white with red stripes. On this stripes are silver dragons. On the biggest wall is situated picture with samurai. Opposite to this picture is located bed and locker. On the window sill is small Bonzai tree. Between the window sill and bed is big lamp. I don’t have TV in my room and I don’t need because I don’t understand Japanese. It is simple room just for sleep. Now I am going to have a nap before long flight. I hope tomorrow we will fly to Poland.

22th February

I returned to Warsaw and got phone from LOT office to visit them. What happened ? Visit our office and you will know. OK. In blue uniform with small ,golden plane on left side of my jacket I came in to room. Here were 3 person. They asked me about my experience in this airline, about my wages etc. I answered emphatically that I am happy that, I can work here and don’t want to change this job. They smiled to me. It was special commission which was checking pilots and their results in job like for example ensure procedures. I got positive result and get raise because of this interview. It was completely unexpected and I was very happy. They said next time I will get earlier information about ‘’interview’’. It was my decision to work in LOT and I am not disappointed.