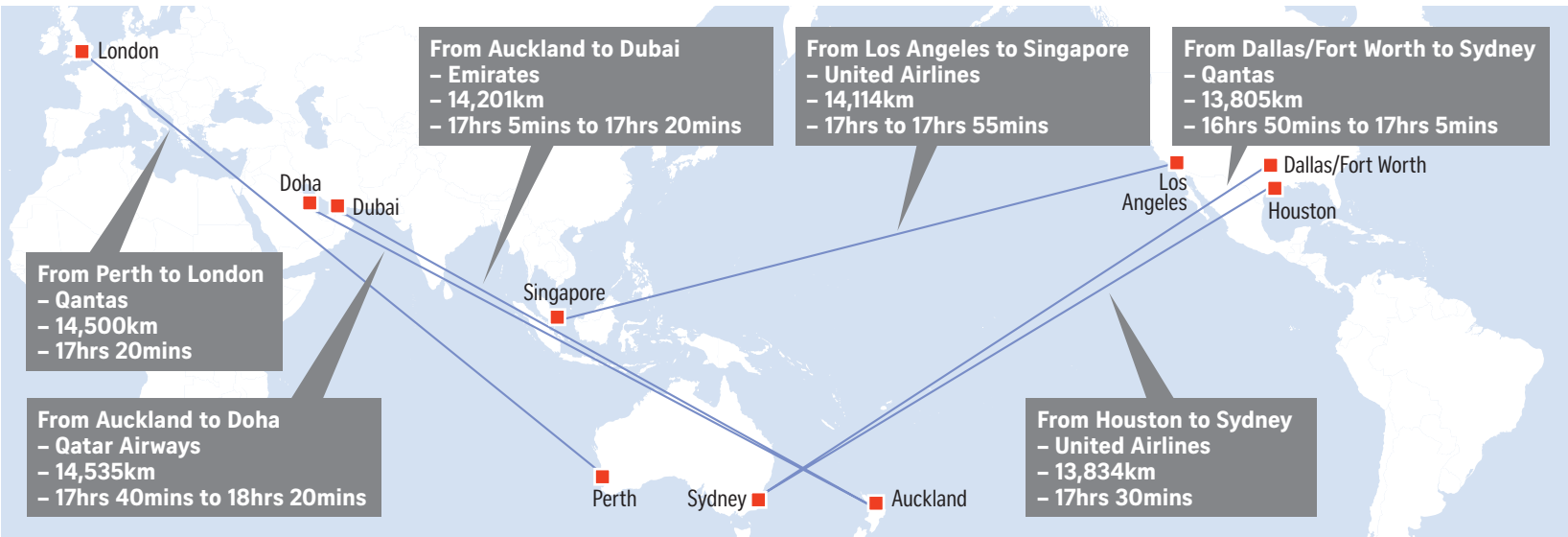


The world's longest direct flights



NOTE: The longest non-stop scheduled passenger routes by "great circle" (the shortest distance between two points on the surface of a sphere) distance. The actual distance flown, however, can be longer than the great circle distance for a variety of reasons, such as avoiding severe weather, taking advantage of favourable winds aloft, detouring around closed airspace, and diverting around war zones

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