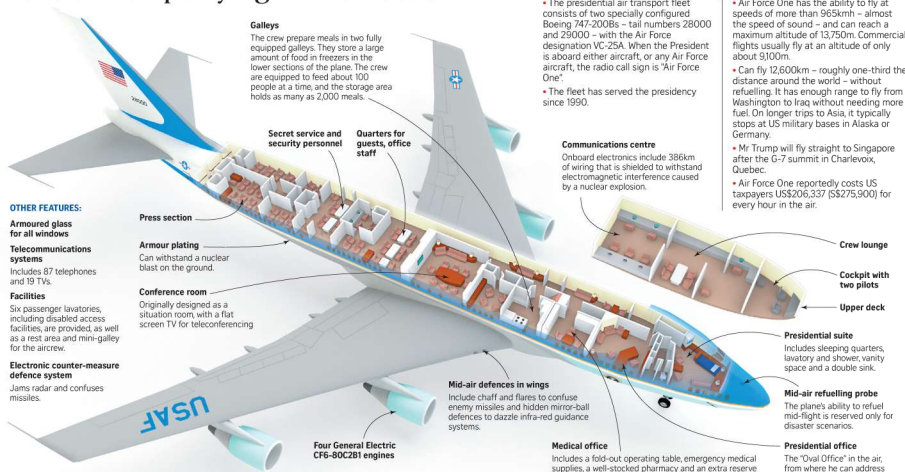


Getting Trump and Kim to Singapore

US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will meet in Singapore for a historic summit. While flying the American President around the world is routine for the White House, it's by no means a simple feat. Mr Kim, however, will leave North Korea for only the fourth time since taking power in 2011. The Straits Times looks at their possible modes of transportation.



Donald Trump's flying White House



Air Force One

- The presidential air transport fleet consists of two specially configured Boeing 747-200Bs – tail numbers 28000 and 28001 – with the Air Force designation VC-25A. When the President is aboard either aircraft, or any Air Force aircraft, the radio call sign is "Air Force One".
- The fleet has served the presidency since 1990.
- Air Force One has the ability to fly at speeds of more than 965km/h – almost the speed of sound – and can reach a maximum altitude of 13,750m. Commercial flights usually fly at an altitude of only about 9,100m.
- Can fly 12,600km – roughly one-third the distance around the world – without refuelling. It has enough range to fly from Washington to Iraq without needing more fuel. On longer trips to Asia, it typically stops at US military bases in Alaska or Germany.
- Mr Trump will fly straight to Singapore after the G-7 summit in Charlevoix, Quebec.
- Air Force One reportedly costs US taxpayers US\$206.337 (\$275,900) for every hour in the air.

What's travelling ahead of Air Force One

(Based partly on former president Barack Obama's previous trips)

A dozen military freight planes, presumably B-7 Globemasters, will bring a range of vehicles, including a truck to scramble radio frequencies in the immediate vicinity of the President



Kim Jong Un's rides

It is unclear at this point whether the North Korean leader will arrive here aboard his state plane. Little is known about the aircraft.



Getting around on land

At the start of peace talks with South Korean President Moon Jae In on April 27, a group of 12 well-dressed bodyguards was seen surrounding Mr Kim's vehicle and running alongside it (left). The "human motorcade" kept pace with the vehicle and stayed in perfect formation as it drove

along the road. It's unclear whether the summit in Singapore will see the same spectacle.

A former member of the North Korean Guard Command unit told The Washington Post that a "personal toilet" follows Mr Kim around when he travels. The reason has

nothing to do with cleanliness, however. "The leader's excretions contain information about his health status, so they can't be left behind," he said. In 2015, South Korean news agency DailyNK reported that a customised bathroom is built into one of the cars of Mr Kim's convoy of armoured vehicles.