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PROBABLY NOT WHAT 3-LETTER AIRPORT CODES WERE DESIGNED FOR...



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- We have a light-hearted treat (definitely not a trick!) for you this week to celebrate the undoubtedly ghoulish Halloween celebrations that took place in many countries around the world just a couple of days ago, along with a respectful nod to the Dia de los Muertos celebrations today in Mexico and elsewhere.
- As a number of our well-travelled readers would already know, some airport codes are enough to send a shiver down your spine on their own: take HELSinki in Finland, BARreTos in Brazil, and BOdO in Norway, for example. However, as we have highlighted on today's map, the scare factor compounds even further when you start to consider combinations of the three-letter IATA airport codes.
- Anyone travelling from Goba in Ethiopia (GOB) to Linate airport in Milan (LIN) would be well advised to check under their seat upon boarding for any signs of mischievous creatures. (The same holds for anyone flying from Imperatriz airport in Brazil (IMP), for that matter.) And anyone travelling from either Aarhus in Denmark (AAR) or Anaa in French Polynesia (AAA) to Balurghat in India (RGH) could be forgiven for uttering a small shriek on seeing their itinerary.
- Of course, choosing an airline over a broomstick is an easy way to guarantee yourself a much more comfortable travel experience. But any unfortunate soul wanting to travel from Nikunau airport in Kiribati (NIG) to Arecibo in Puerto Rico (ARE) via Khatgal in Mongolia (HTM) would surely be forgiven for not wanting to close their eyes until their journey has come to an end...
- Who would've thought the airport codes could be so much fun? Our normal service will resume next week.

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