

Global Lens Exchange and Redistribution Project (GLERP)

The Global Lens Exchange and Redistribution Project (GLERP) began in January 2002, when I bought a used lens from New York NY and later sold it in Halifax NS. Each GLERP represents the purchase and sale of a lens, camera or accessory (mostly lenses). The “from” and “to” locations for most GLERPs are shown in Figure 1. Short-distance GLERPs (i.e. SLERPs) are not shown to help reduce clutter.



Figure 1: GLERP Locations, see note [1].

Table 1 shows the top ten distances between GLERP locations. As the old saying goes, “all GLERPs go through Halifax”, but the GLERP map and distance table don’t include the travel to and from Halifax. If this intermediate step is included, then the GLERP between Japan and Australia (via Halifax) is the overall round-trip champion, with a total distance of 28,324 km.

Table 1: Top Ten GLERP Distances, see note [2].

	(km)	(from)	(to)
1	16,519	Melbourne VIC, Australia	Kingston ON, Canada
2	15,553	Trenton GA, USA	Melbourne VIC, Australia
3	13,613	Durham NC, USA	Auckland, New Zealand
4	13,221	Vancouver BC, Canada	Melbourne VIC, Australia
8	12,631	Seal Rock OR, USA	Bonggok, South Korea
5	10,852	New York NY, USA	Tokyo, Japan
6	10,642	Vestal NY, USA	Tokyo, Japan
7	10,082	Ashland OR, USA	Taipei, Taiwan
9	8,795	Sherman Oaks CA, USA	Tokyo, Japan
10	7,795	Portland OR, USA	Tokyo, Japan

Notes: [1] Map courtesy of www.theodora.com/maps used with permission
 [2] Distances calculated using <http://www.geobytes.com/CityDistanceTool.htm>