

Computing Per Diem when Crossing the International Date Line (IDL) Traveling in a Westward Direction *with* a Lost Day (JTR, par. 020314)

Note: Rates used in these examples may not be current and are for illustrative purposes only.

Scenario: A traveler departs heading west on August 18 and arrives at a TDY location on August 20. When crossing the International Date Line (IDL) in a westward direction, the dates August 18 through August 19 are treated as 1 day for per diem computation purposes because the traveler did not arrive at the TDY location until August 20. Upon return (west to east) when traveler crosses the IDL, the traveler is paid M&IE for two August 25 dates. A Government dining facility or mess is not available at the TDY point. The TDY location lodging cost is \$135 a night. The per diem rate is \$225 (\$135/\$90).

Itinerary Location (Per Diem Rate)	Date	Daily Lodging Cost	Lodging Calculation	Lodging Allowed	M&IE Calculation	M&IE Allowed	Total Per Diem
Departing from PDS and Traveling to TDY Location A							
Depart PDS <i>Crossed IDL-Westbound</i>	8/18	\$0.00		\$0.00	75% of \$90.00	\$67.50	\$67.50
<i>Crossed IDL-Westbound (Lost Day)</i>	8/19	\$0.00		\$0.00	No Per Diem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Arrive TDY Location A (\$135/\$90)	8/20	\$135.00	1 Day x \$135.00	\$135.00	1 day x \$90.00	\$90.00	\$225.00
At TDY Location A							
4 Full TDY Days	8/21-24	\$135.00	4 Days x \$135.00	\$540.00	4 days x \$90.00	\$360.00	\$900.00
Departing from TDY Location A and Returning to the PDS							
Depart TDY Location A	8/25	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	100% of \$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
<i>Crossed IDL - Eastbound</i>	8/25	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	75% of \$90.00	\$67.50	\$67.50
Arrive PDS	8/25				\$90.00		
Total Per Diem Allowance				\$675.00		\$675.00	\$1,350.00