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Travel Management-Get it in gear-As with many companies, you may have cut back your travel due to budget restrictions and the down economy. Or, maybe your current travel program isn't structured to achieve maximum savings. Either way, now is a good time to restart your travel program and retool your policies and processes to leverage savings.
Smart Business 11/09 (Full Story)

[Continental Airlines Joins Star Alliance](#) **BETTER JUST GOT BIGGER**

Continental Airlines' First Aircraft With Flat-Bed BusinessFirst Seats Takes to the Skies-Continental Airlines' (NYSE: CAL) first aircraft with new [flat-bed BusinessFirst seats](#) took to the skies Sunday, operating as flight CO98 from Hong Kong to New York/Newark. *CO 11/02/09 (Full Story)*

Continental adding 3 new routes Sunday Continental Airlines Inc. will start flying on three new nonstop routes from Houston and aims to increase connections to one of its new alliance partner carriers. *CO 10/30/09 (Full Story)*

Continental Airlines to Relocate Airport Operations at Paris/Charles De Gaulle and Barcelona-Continental Airlines (NYSE: CAL), which recently joined Star Alliance, announced today that it will move its airport operations at both [Paris/Charles de Gaulle](#) and [Barcelona](#) this month as part of its continuing effort to provide easy connections between its flights and those of other Star Alliance airlines. *CO 11/09/09 (Full Story)*

Continental Airlines to Auction Trip for Two to Eight Wonders of the World Continental Airlines to Auction Trip for Two to Eight Wonders of the World-Continental Airlines (NYSE: CAL) today announced the opportunity for its frequent flyers to bid their miles on a premium around-the-world trip to visit eight wonders of the world in an online auction at [auction.continental.com](#). *CO 11/10/09 (Full Story)*

Wi-Fi for travelers becomes Web marketing lure-Google, Yahoo, eBay and Microsoft, competitors on the Web, all have the same idea for marketing themselves this holiday season: temporarily providing free Wi-Fi access in airports, airplanes and public places. *AP 11/11/09 (Full Story)*

PwC Downgrades 2010 Hotel Forecast Again, Despite Positive Signs PricewaterhouseCoopers today continued to move its U.S. lodging industry expectations downward, although the firm said industry performance indicates the initial stages of economic and lodging demand recovery. *BTN 11/06/09 (Full Story)*

More independent hotels team with chains to gain guests-As room vacancies rise, independent hotel owners are increasingly linking up with large hotel chains for a lifeline to more customers. In turn, frequent travelers seeking a reprieve from cookie-cutter hotel properties are finding more hip, boutique-style hotel options without sacrificing loyalty points. *USAToday 11/12/09 (Full Story)*

Marriott working on green prototypes for new hotels-Marriott International is finalizing a green prototype for its Courtyard brand and intends to have similar designs for most of its brands next year. The prototypes will be certified according to the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system. *Travel Weekly 11/11/09 (Full Story)*

Thanksgiving airline traffic forecast to drop 4%-The USA's big airlines expect to carry 4% fewer passengers during the Thanksgiving holiday travel period than they did last year. The Air Transport Association, the trade group representing most big airlines, said Monday that the recession is to blame for fewer people flying. *USAToday 11/10/09 (Full Story)*

Smaller jets squeeze big and tall fliers-Lisa Tealer can't use seat-back trays when she's flying because she's "fat," she says. So the diversity executive of a biotech company in the San Francisco Bay Area uses her laptop as her tray. She uses candor about her weight to defuse awkward situations during boarding. *USAToday 10/29/09 (Full Story)*

By Any Other Name, You May Not Fly TWO weeks ago, I suggested here that I would rather get whacked upside the head with a baseball bat than have to visit either my state motor vehicle office or the passport office to make sure that the name on my driver's license and passport was exactly the same on all my travel documents. *NYTimes 11/02/09 (Full Story)*

Airlines post 86% on-time rate for September, best since 2003-The largest domestic airlines' on-time performance improved in September compared to a year ago, says a federal report released Monday. About 13% of the nearly 511,000 flights handled by the 19 largest U.S. airlines in September were delayed more than 15 minutes. *USAToday 11/09/09 (Full Story)*

American could partner with equity firm on JAL bid-Private equity firm TPG could partner with American Airlines on a minority investment in Japan Airlines to prevent its defection to a rival airline group, American CFO Thomas Horton said in a Reuters report. *Travel Weekly 11/11/09 (Full Story)*

6 tips for getting your way when you travel The thought of spending 11 hours in a locked and upright position didn't put Elyse Weiner in a good mood. But you wouldn't have known it. Being nice to airline agents may yield better results than getting frustrated. *CNN 11/5/09 (Full Story)*

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