

Business Travel Update

February 15, 2010 Business Travel Update provided by Professional Travel Issue #2

FEATURED ARTICLE

Delta Completes Integration of Northwest Airport and Reservations Systems; Northwest Flight Numbers and nwa.com Retired - Air Lines (NYSE: DAL) this weekend completed the integration of the Northwest Airlines reservation system, including the transition of all Northwest flights into the Delta schedule, migration of Northwest passenger reservations into the Delta system, and retirement of nwa.com. *PRNewswire 2/1/2010 (Full Story)*

Leading Business Travel Association Responds to Obama's State of the Union .S. Government Receives C+ for 2009 Performance on Corporate Travel Issues The National Business Travel Association (NBTA) welcomes the President Barack Obama's emphasis on creating jobs that will kick start the U.S. economy, as laid out in the State of the Union address. *NBTA 1/29/2010 (Full Story)*

US gets world airline support for tighter security - A day after pressing Europe's governments, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on Friday gained the support of the world's airlines for the Obama administration's goal of ramping up aviation security to keep terrorists off planes. *Forbes 1/22/2010 (Full Story)*

U.S. airlines beat Wall Street but investors eye outlook - Continental Airlines Inc (CAL.N) and Southwest Airlines Co (LUV.N) results topped Wall Street estimates as more people booked flights and ticket prices rose, but the airlines said Thursday the path to recovery would be rough. *Yahoo 1/21/2010 (Full Story)*

What's Ahead for Low-Cost Airlines? Most savvy travelers—for very good reasons—are interested in the growth prospects of low-fare airlines. *SmarterTravel 1/15/2010 (Full Story)*

Airlines stay cautious despite signs of rebound - Most major airlines aren't planning to grow much this year, even as their reservation systems show a rebound in business travel. *Yahoo 1/28/2010 (Full Story)*

American Airlines to furlough up to 175 pilots-American Airlines announced Friday it will furlough up to 175 pilots in the first half of

2010. In the first round scheduled at the end of February, the Fort Worth, Texas-based company will put 80 of its active 7,800 pilots on leave to "better align the size of our pilot organization with the size of our current operation," the company said in a statement. *CNNMoney 1/22/2010 (Full Story)*

Continental Airlines Announces Additional New York-Heathrow Flights for Summer, Winter 2010 - All Heathrow flights to feature new BusinessFirst flat bed seat from June *Continental 1/29/2010 (Full Story)*

Couches in coach: Air New Zealand plans lie-flat seats - Seats that let passengers lie down are coming to the economy cabin. Air New Zealand says it will introduce this year coach seats that recline into an almost-flat bed for customers willing to pay extra. *USA Today 1/28/2010 (Full Story)*

More airlines make large passengers buy two seats - You are paying to check your belongings, so why should other peoples excess baggage get a free ride? *Yahoo 1/29/2010 (Full Story)*

Five Ways to Get Comfortable in a Tiny Airplane Seat - OK, we admit it. Coach seats are downright uncomfortable. And while we can't force airlines to increase legroom, widen the seats, or stop that person in front of you from reclining into your lap, we can offer some helpful tips and products to make your next flight more bearable. *SmarterTravel 1/23/2010 (Full Story)*

JAL says it will decide on alliance partner soon The new leaders of Japan Airlines said Monday the carrier will decide on its alliance partner "as soon as possible" but wouldn't provide a timeframe for a decision on sticking with American Airlines or shifting to Delta. *USAToday 2/1/2010 (Full Story)*

Orlando emerges as top meeting destination - Orlando was named the top spot for a major convention, trade show, conference or seminar, says Metropoll. *TravelMole 2/2/2010 (Full Story)*

World's Dirtiest Hotels Revealed by Trip Advisor - Roaches? Check. Bed bugs, stained sheets, and moldy tubs? Check, check, and check. SmarterTravel sister site TripAdvisor is out with its annual list of the world's dirtiest hotels, and all of the standard

dirty hotel staples listed above (and then some) are well represented. *SmarterTravel 1/22/2010 (Full Story)*

Airport Check-in: Parking fees on rise as airports seek revenue - Parking rates are rising at airports across the USA as aviation authorities and local governments seek additional revenue amid shrinking air traffic. *USAToday 1/20/2010 (Full Story)*

Avoiding Illness on the Road - While traveling, a lack of rest and other stresses wear down your immune system. *WSJ 2/1/2010 (Full Story)*

Bonus Miles Expand, but Flight Upgrades Are Squeezed - This is usually the time of year when frequent fliers who earned elite status in the previous year can stop obsessing about qualifying miles and enjoy the fruits of all their travels: complimentary upgrades. *NYTimes 2/1/2010 (Full Story)*

Frequent flyer miles can be inherited, sometimes for a fee, often for free *Yahoo 1/26/2010 (Full Story)*

Everything You Need to Know About Airport Security: A Primer for 2010 *SmarterTravel 2/6/2010 (Full Story)*

LIFE'S BETTER ON VACATION

Now, more than ever, the time you spend with family & friends is your most valuable investment.

To ensure you're spending it wisely, take advantage of our personal knowledge, expertise & connections around the globe to design your travel experience.

440-734-8800 PROMPT 3 (GREAT NORTHERN)
216-593-7040 PROMPT 2 (BEACHWOOD)

THERE'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO INVEST IN YOUR LIFE.

Professional Travel's Business Travel News is published monthly. The information is gathered from current articles and news worthy information regarding the travel industry that we feel is important for those individuals who manage their corporations travel programs. If you have any questions please call us at 1-800-247-0060.

TRAVELING INTERNATIONALLY? CONTACT PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL FOR FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE.