

Business Travel Update

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Top 10 Traveler Safety Tips:

In this recent T&E Magazine feature article, iJET CEO Bruce McIndoe reviews his "Top 10" list of safety tips for employees to avoid trouble around the world. While some of these tips might seem obvious, the vast majority of incidents business travelers encounter fall into the categories outlined in this article

[\(Full Story\)](#) T&E –June 2007

Frontier Plans Puerto Vallarta Routes From Three US Cities

Frontier Airlines will add flights to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with nonstop service from Albuquerque, Sacramento and San Jose. The new Sacramento route, which will operate four days per week starting Dec. 15, will be operated by Republic Airlines. Thrice-weekly San Jose flights will also begin Dec. 15, with two flights operated by Republic and the other by Frontier. Albuquerque service starts Dec. 15 with three flights per week. Source: BTN Online July

Airline says it has 4 interested suitors

Midwest Air Group Inc., long the object of a takeover attempt by AirTran Holdings Inc., said Friday that it has four suitors that want to buy the airline. The Oak Creek, Wis.-based operator of Midwest Airlines said it has signed confidentiality agreements with four interested parties. That means those four parties can begin looking at Midwest's corporate files as Midwest begins the process of looking at selling off the company.

[\(Full Story\)](#) Source: Associated Press- 8-4-07

Car Rental Excise Taxes Proliferate At Alarming Rate

In my 32 years in the travel industry, the past 25 running a global consulting and research firm, I have not seen as dangerous and potentially damaging a trend as the proliferation of car rental excise taxes embraced by scores of municipalities and government agencies over the past several years. This practice of passing on the costs of local projects to car rental customers, many of whom do not reside in the communities where these projects are being built, is growing at a geometric and alarming rate.

[\(Full Story\)](#) Source: BTNNews – 7-23-07

NWA's Second Daily BOS-AMS Flight Begins

Northwest launched on Sunday evening a second daily flight between Boston and Amsterdam. The return, a second daily westbound Amsterdam-Boston flight began today. The new service is offered in cooperation with joint venture partner KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. The new services complement existing daily A330 service on the route.

Source: NWA's Sales Department – 7-16-07

American said it will begin serving New Airports

London's Heathrow Airport (LHR) from both Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) and Raleigh/Durham, N.C. (RDU), effective March 29, 2008. The new route between New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) and London's Stansted Airport is effective October 28, 2007. American plans to switch one of its two daily DFW roundtrips to London Heathrow, while the other DFW roundtrip will retain its current service to London Gatwick. American's one daily Raleigh/Durham-to-London flight will also switch to Heathrow from Gatwick. The airline's DFW-to-London service to both Heathrow and Gatwick will continue to be flown with three-class (First, Business and Economy/Coach) Boeing 777 aircraft with 245 seats. American's Raleigh/Durham service will also continue to be flown with Boeing 777 aircraft. American's JFK-Stansted service will be flown with two-class (Business and Economy/Coach) Boeing 767-300 aircraft with 221 seats, including 30 Next Generation Business Class seats.

Source: Business Travel Executive 7-16-07

Increases in 2008 per diem rates to be announced the week of Aug. 6

Federal employees traveling to thousands of locations around the country will have more to spend starting in October. When the General Services Administration releases fiscal 2008 per diem rates for continental domestic travel — expected the week of Aug. 6 — the so-called standard per diem rate will rise for the first time in years, according to agency officials.

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Air India Ready To Launch NYC-Mumbai Service

Air India will introduce daily, nonstop service from New York's JFK International Airport to Mumbai starting August 1. The new service will feature the state-of-the-art Boeing 777-200LR (longer range) aircraft, equipped with the latest in-flight features, including on-demand audio and video entertainment in each seat. The flight from New York to Mumbai last just over 15 hours.

Source: Business Travel Executive 7-16-07

American Upgrading, Increasing Service To London's Airports

American Airlines plans to upgrade and increase its service to London in the coming months by moving some of its Gatwick flights to London Heathrow Airport, as well as adding a new route between New York and London's Stansted Airport (STN). As a result, American will fly as many as 20 roundtrips a day between the United States and London once all the changes are in place. Source: BTN Online July

Continental, Kingfisher Partnering On US-India Service

Continental Airlines and India's Kingfisher Airlines have entered into a comprehensive partnership that will begin on October 1 with reciprocal frequent flyer program and airport lounge access. That's the same day the Continental will launch daily non-stop flights between Newark Liberty International Airport and Mumbai; it has operated Newark-Delhi service since 2005. The two airline's plan to begin codesharing by the end of the year. Continental will place its code on Kingfisher flights connecting to Continental's daily flights between New York and Delhi and new service between New York and Mumbai.

Source: Business Travel Executive 7-16-07

Midwest To Launch Service To Charlotte And Austin

Midwest Airlines says it will launch new twice-daily service between Milwaukee and Charlotte, NC, and Kansas City and Austin, Texas, on September 15. The new service will be offered on Midwest Connect 50-seat regional jets.

Additionally, Midwest will add a fourth nonstop roundtrip to its Milwaukee-Nashville schedule effective September 4, and a fourth nonstop roundtrip to its Milwaukee-Las Vegas schedule effective October 1.

Source: Business Travel Executive 7-16-07

iJET Granted Wider Patent On Risk Management Service

iJET Intelligent Risk Systems has been granted an enhancement to the original patent for on its Worldcue risk management solution by the US Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). The action, termed a continuation by the PTO, broadens iJET's existing patent to include the method by which the company acquires, analyzes and utilizes travel information. iJET has also been notified of final allowance for its Global Asset Risk Management System and Method. The systems and methods protected by iJET's first patent are aimed at protecting travelers; the second addresses risks to an organization's people, facilities, supply chains and other physical assets worldwide.

Source: Business Travel Executive 7-16-07

Delta Offers Free Manhattan-JFK Shuttle Through December

Delta customers purchasing a nonstop, business-class tickets between New York and destinations in Africa, Brazil, Europe or India are being offered free US Helicopter service between JFK International Airport and heliports in downtown Manhattan and at 34th Street. The offer for travel completed by December 31, 2007. The helicopter service does not operate on Saturdays and Sundays. Source: BTN Online July

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