

TRUTH IN TRAVEL

CONDÉ NAST

SEPTEMBER 2011

Traveler

**THE
STYLE
& DESIGN
ISSUE**

**Insider's Guides:
Rome / Fez / Berlin / L.A.**



TRAVEL INTEL

Tips, tricks, and miscellany: Our editors' guide to navigating the world.

GOOD NEWS

JetBlue opened a 4,046-square-foot outdoor lounge for all Terminal 5 passengers at New York's JFK International Airport. Expect views of the Manhattan skyline, a play area for kids, and a fenced-in dog run.

UNBELIEVABLE NEWS

Delta now offers a paparazzi-proof private car and driver to pick up celebrities planeside, allowing them to bypass the terminal altogether (starting at \$125). And yes, mere mortals can use this service too.

OTHER NEWS

Disney has completely banned selfie sticks from its theme parks. Moms and dads will have to revert to handing over their cameras to Donald Duck for the family portrait in front of Cinderella's Castle.



AIRLINE NEWS

Changes in the Air

Finally, some love for New Jersey. **United Airlines** will consolidate almost all of its operations in the New York City area at Newark Liberty International by October. (A few dozen departures will remain at LaGuardia.) As part of the move, United will expand its transcontinental Premium Service, which offers more legroom (even in coach) and lie-flat seats in business class.

Starting in March 2016, **JetBlue** will aim to lure business travelers and their

expense accounts with Mint class—think lie-flat seats, Birchbox amenities, and savory small plates from N.Y.C.'s Saxon & Parole—on flights from Boston to San Francisco and, in the fall, on flights from Boston to Los Angeles; fares start at \$599 one way.

It'll be even easier to get to Latin America and the Caribbean with new **JetBlue** flights from Fort Lauderdale and Orlando to Mexico City (starting in October) and from New York to Antigua (in

November). And beginning October 15, **Southwest Airlines** will fly nonstop from Houston to Liberia, Costa Rica.

Turkish Airlines will add flights to Miami in October and to Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International (the world's busiest airport) in May. Even if you're not planning a trip to Turkey, the airline has connections through Istanbul to 228 cities.

China Southern Airlines will make it easier to reach Guangzhou, a business hub near Hong Kong, with newly launched daily nonstops from JFK.



WE ASKED A PILOT

How often do you fly the same plane?

"In my experience, it's about once every six to nine months, but it can easily be more than a year before I'm back in the same aircraft. Rotating between them is a bit like sharing a car with a spouse. One of the first things I do in the cockpit is adjust the seat, the height of the armrests, and the distance of the rudder pedals so I'm able to reach all the controls. On the 747, which is what I fly, there is a little black cross in the cockpit called an eye-position indicator. We know the seat's in the right place when our eye is aligned with it. We leave the cockpit just as we'd like to find it—as a courtesy to our colleagues and in recognition of the fact that this is a \$300 million machine."

—Mark Vanhoenacker, British Airways pilot and author of *Skyfaring: A Journey with a Pilot* (Knopf, \$26)

5.45M

That's how many people traveled between the U.S. and Brazil in 2014, according to the Department of Transportation. The number has nearly doubled in the last five years.

How to Drive Like a Local Wherever the Road May Take You

We polled expert guides and travel specialists to find out how best to blend in when you're behind the wheel in a foreign land.

AUSTRALIA

In the sparsely visited Outback, be sure to acknowledge other drivers with an index-finger salute.



KENYA

If a car wants to pass you, use your left blinker to show that the road ahead is clear. If it's not, signal right.



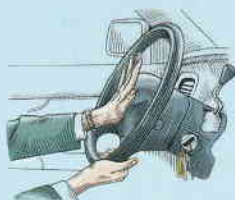
JAPAN

It's polite to thank drivers who let you into a roundabout by flashing your hazard lights.



NICARAGUA

When approaching a blind corner, honk a few times to alert others you're about to round the bend.

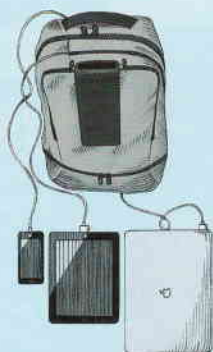


THAILAND

It's okay to double-park—just remember to leave your car in neutral so the driver of the blocked-in car can move yours if need be.



WOULD YOU EVER ...



... wear your batteries? The **AMPL backpack** ensures you'll never run out of juice—but it weighs roughly five pounds empty (ampl-labs.com; \$299).



IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS

In Italy, as in many countries, front-desk staff will often briefly hold your passport after you check in, to record your information for official purposes. But rarely are documents so elegantly returned as at the Villa Feltrinelli, a grande dame on Lake Garda, where Creative Director Yolanda Edwards received hers tied in a blue ribbon.

This Month's Top Travel Tips from the Experts

1

See Italy in shoulder season.

"September and October are wonderful months on the Amalfi Coast and Capri," says Andrea Grisdale of IC Bellagio. "Summer crowds are gone, and it's warm enough to swim. Le Sirenuse is my favorite hotel in Positano."

2

Lock in next year's safari.

"The Great Migration of wildebeests and zebras starts in the Southern Serengeti in January, but it's wise to book now since many seasonal camps have limited space," says Rob Veden of Cox & Kings.

3

Book your annual ski trip.

"Reserve hotels for Presidents' Day weekend or Spring Break now," says Kay Merrill of Are We There Yet. Luxury resorts like Jackson Hole's Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa and Park City's Caledonian do sell out as the season approaches.

4

Plan next September's cruise.

"Now's the time to book New England and Canada sailings for next fall," says Linda Allen of Cruises by Linda, because smaller ship lines (Crystal, Oceania) have only a few cabins available for these very popular itineraries.

5

Think Caribbean Christmas.

"There is still time to reserve a villa in St. Barts for the holidays," says Peg Walsh of St. Barth Properties. "And with new villas just going on the market, we have additional inventory this year."

CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER IS A REGISTERED TRADEMARK OF ADVANCE MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS INC. COPYRIGHT © 2015 CONDÉ NAST. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. PRINTED IN THE U.S.A.

VOLUME 50, NO. 8, *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER* (ISSN 0893-9683) is published monthly (except for a combined issue in July/August) by Condé Nast, which is a division of Advance Magazine Publishers Inc. PRINCIPAL OFFICE: Condé Nast, One World Trade Center, New York, NY 10007. S.J. Newhouse, Jr., Chairman; Charles H. Townsend, Chief Executive Officer; Robert A. Sauerberg, Jr., President; David E. Geithner, Chief Financial Officer; Jill Bright, Chief Administrative Officer. Periodicals postage paid at New York, New York, and at additional mailing offices. Canadian Goods and Services Tax Registration No. 123242885-RT0001.

POSTMASTER: SEND ALL UAA TO CFS. (SEE DMM 5071.5.2.); NON-POSTAL AND MILITARY FACILITIES: SEND ADDRESS CORRECTIONS TO *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER*, Box 37629, Boone, Iowa 50037-0629. FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS, ADDRESS CHANGES, ADJUSTMENTS, OR BACK ISSUE INQUIRIES: Please write to *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER*, Box 37629, Boone, Iowa 50037-0629, call 800-777-0700, or e-mail subscriptions@condenasttraveler.com. Amoco Torch Club members write to Amoco Torch Club, Box 9014, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. Please give both new and old address as printed on most recent label. Subscribers: If the Post Office alerts us that your magazine is undeliverable, we have no further obligation unless we receive a corrected address within one year. If, during your subscription term or up to one year after, the magazine becomes undeliverable, or

you are ever dissatisfied with your subscription, let us know. You will receive a full refund on all unmailed issues. First copy of new subscription will be mailed within four weeks after receipt of order. Address all editorial, business, and production correspondence to *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER*, One World Trade Center, New York, NY 10007. For reprints, please e-mail reprints@condenast.com or call Wright's Media 877-652-5295. For reuse permissions, please e-mail contentlicensing@condenast.com or call 800-897-8666. Visit us online at cntraveler.com. To subscribe to other Condé Nast magazines on the World Wide Web, visit condenast.com. Occasionally, we make our subscriber list available to carefully screened companies that offer products and services which we believe would interest our readers. If you do not want to receive these offers and/or

information, please advise us at Box 37629, Boone, Iowa 50037-0629 or call 800-777-0700.

CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OR LOSS OF, OR FOR DAMAGE OR ANY OTHER INJURY TO, UNSOLICITED MANUSCRIPTS, UNSOLICITED ARTWORK (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DRAWINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND TRANSPARENCIES), OR ANY OTHER UNSOLICITED MATERIALS. THOSE SUBMITTING MANUSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ARTWORK, OR OTHER MATERIALS FOR CONSIDERATION SHOULD NOT SEND ORIGINALS UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO BY *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER* IN WRITING. MANUSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND OTHER MATERIALS SUBMITTED MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.