

**A NEW LOOK** ► *Welcome to Protravel's revamped corporate travel newsletter, a monthly service we are proud to provide to our valued business clients.*

## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

### State of paperless boarding passes

The large U.S. airlines are stepping up their efforts to cater to a broadening base of smartphone-toting travelers. American, which introduced the feature at eight U.S. airports in 2008, has recently added 19 more destinations.

For a full list of airports & airlines providing this service, see: [http://www.tsa.gov/approach/tech/paperless\\_boarding\\_pass\\_expansion.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/approach/tech/paperless_boarding_pass_expansion.shtm)

### On Board Wi-Fi

As of now, American Airlines, United and Delta all have their Wi-Fi service up and running.

## TO YOUR HEALTH

### Jet lag – Is There a Cure?

In February, international passenger travel was up 13.5% from 2009, especially on Asia-Pacific routes.

When one travels through several time zones, it's harder to recover from jet lag. Rather than take a pill that your body will have to shake off, here's some tips from frequent long-haul fliers:

- 1-3 days before your trip, stick to a low-calorie diet
- In flight, avoid excessive alcohol, heavy meals, coffee & tea
- Drink lots of water (1 cup/hour) to combat the dry atmosphere on a plane which causes accelerated dehydration, one factor in jet lag
- If it's morning when you arrive, resist the urge to sleep and flood your eyes with light to try and reset your internal clock

## ✈ UP IN THE AIR

### Carry-on fee draws lawmakers' ire

Starting August 1, Spirit Airlines will be charging \$45 per bag at the gate or \$30 in advance for carry-ons that don't fit under the seat.

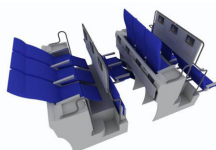
Sens. Cardin of MD and Landrieu of LA have introduced a bill (S.3195) that would prohibit airlines from charging fees for carry-on luggage. "We cannot allow these floodgates to open," said Landrieu.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood called it "outrageous." To date, Spirit is the only carrier planning to charge for carry-on items, but clearly competitors are watching and waiting for the flak to settle before making their moves.

### JFK Runway Reconstruction

With reconstruction of the main runway, on-time departures from JFK dropped from 78% last year to 61% in the first month of the project. The Port Authority says that the improvements to the runways will reduce delays by 10,500 hours per year once complete.

### Better Seats for Economy class?



Not much has changed in coach seat comfort for many years. With the advent of A380s and the retention of bulk carriers like 747s, long haul flights are still tortuous for 'cattle class' fliers. But Jacob Innovations has developed the conceptual Flex-Seat, which can be configured to make the most of the vertical space often wasted inside airline cabins and putting the possibility of a good night's rest within reach of most fliers. This is a concept that may someday change the way we fly.

### American Teams Up With JetBlue

American Airlines and JetBlue will soon reach an interline deal centered around JetBlue's domestic strength into both JFK and BOS, connecting with American's international flights. The deal will create a seamless ticketing and baggage process.

“He who would travel happily must travel light.” —*Antoine de St. Exupery*