

USATODAY.com Debuts Online Air Travel Destination

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Today in the Sky Offers News, Flight Status and Community Forum

USATODAY.com announces the launch of an expansive new online flight community called Today in the Sky, piloted by veteran USA TODAY aviation blogger Ben Mutzabaugh. The site can be found at flights.usatoday.com.

Today in the Sky offers a mix of enterprise reporting from USA TODAY's travel staff, the best air travel surveillance, news and information from the Web, "Flightdex," a feature which tracks the latest buzz about the top airlines, and includes Ben Mutzabaugh's popular blog about air travel, also called Today in the Sky, which launched in 2002.

Today in the Sky is also an online travel resource providing users with the ability to search for the best airfares online, frequent-flier promotions, a mileage calculator and flight tracking tools. The Today in the Sky community will feature forums for readers and Mutzabaugh to swap advice, experiences and opinions. It also includes a place where travelers can meet up with other frequent fliers online to discuss upcoming trips, aviation news and more.

Today in the Sky community will launch with a "Pick a Trip" sweepstakes in conjunction with Kayak.com and Intercontinental Hotels & Resorts. Readers can enter by answering a summer travel survey at pickatrip.usatoday.com. Winners will be chosen in a random drawing for a vacation package for two to New York, San Francisco or Miami. The contest goes live online at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 2.

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