

# THE CONCIERGE

## GEO QUIZ

The ruins of Volubilis, an important city in the western Roman Empire, are in which present-day country in North Africa?

- Egypt
- Libya
- Morocco

Answer below. Source: National Geographic Bee

## TIPSHEET

### Airport shops with a local vibe

BY BHARBI HAZARIKA

Those hours spent waiting at an airport? Retail therapy can help. Michael Taylor of J.D. Power suggests checking out these airports that do a good job of showcasing locally made goods.

#### San Francisco

Take a look at San Francisco International Airport's retail guide and you'll find a diverse list of merchants, labeled so you can quickly see what's new, what's green and what's local. For the latter two, California Lifestyle sells an assortment of Golden State wines and gourmet treats along with bags and clothing.

Info: [bit.ly/SFOretail](http://bit.ly/SFOretail)

#### Portland, Ore.

What do we love about Portland? For openers, Powell's Books and local craft beers. You can have your fill of both and more at Portland's airport, known as PDX. Made in Oregon has food (Tillamook cheese, marionberry jam), wine and many things Pendleton that will warm your heart.

Info: [bit.ly/FlyPDXretail](http://bit.ly/FlyPDXretail)

#### Las Vegas

You will have plenty of time to lose money at the slot machines throughout McCarran International Airport. But you also have a chance to come home with something instead of an empty wallet. The Welcome to Las Vegas gift shop offers an array of souvenirs, apparel and accessories.

Info: [bit.ly/McCarranshopping](http://bit.ly/McCarranshopping)

#### Miami

Sports fans will be drawn to the Miami Heat and the Miami Marlins stores, which sell team gear and novelty items. The city's Cuban culture is reflected in Cuban Crafters, for cigar aficionados, and Little Havana to Go for candy, T-shirts and more.

Info: [bit.ly/shopMIAairport](http://bit.ly/shopMIAairport)

#### Minneapolis-St. Paul

The Twin Cities' airport offers a variety of local goods, but perhaps none embodies the spirit of the city more than the Prince pop-up store. Prince, a singer/songwriter/actor/filmmaker, made his home in the area until his death in 2016. The pop-up store offers his music on CDs or vinyl and, of course, apparel.

Info: [bit.ly/MSPshopping](http://bit.ly/MSPshopping)

## GEO QUIZ ANSWER:

Morocco



NARONG SANGNAK/EPA

HEADED to Thailand's temples and beaches? EVA recently listed a Taipei stopover en route to Bangkok.

## MONEY MATTERS

# A great way to break it up

BY GEORGE HOBICA

You know all about one-way flights and round-trip flights, and nonstop flights and connecting flights, but do you know about stopover flights?

That's when you connect through a particular airport, deplane for a day or two, then continue to your destination.

Besides the visit-two-cities-for-the-price-of-one aspect, stopovers let you recover from a long flight by breaking it into two shorter legs.

And some airlines not only let you stop over for free but also include free hotel stays and other perks.

On many airlines, passengers traveling on frequent-flier award tickets can schedule a stopover without forfeiting extra miles or points.

Even if an airline doesn't have a formal stopover program, it may sell a stopover fare for less than buying a separate onward round-trip ticket.

I recently saw a \$721 round-trip fare from L.A. to Bangkok on EVA Air with a three-day stopover in Taipei.

If you don't see your airline listed here, check with the airline.

Among the offers:

#### AIR CANADA

**Stopover:** Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver  
**Maximum stay:** Depends on rules associated with fare  
**Best way to book:** (888) 247-2262 or [aircanada.com](http://aircanada.com)  
**Cost:** Free. More expensive fares may include a hotel stay.

#### AIR CHINA

**Stopover:** Beijing, Shanghai and four other major cities on a 144-hour transit visa; seven other cities on a 72-hour transit visa  
**Maximum stay:** 72 or 144 hours, depending on visa  
**Best way to book:** (800) 882-8122 or [airchina.us](http://airchina.us)  
**Cost:** Free

#### EMIRATES

**Stopover:** Dubai  
**Maximum stay:** Depends on ticket's fare rules  
**Best way to book:** Book flight with stopover at [emirates.com](http://emirates.com), then call (800) 777-3999 to book stopover package if desired.  
**Cost:** Free

#### ETIHAD

**Stopover:** Abu Dhabi  
**Maximum stay:** Two nights  
**Best way to book:** (877) 690-0767 or [etihad.com](http://etihad.com)  
**Cost:** Free. Economy fares include a discounted first-night hotel rate with the second night free, or two free nights with business-class fares.

#### FJI AIRWAYS

**Stopover:** Nadi, Fiji  
**Maximum stay:** Three days  
**Best way to book:** (800) 227-4446 or [fjiairways.com](http://fjiairways.com)  
**Cost:** Free

#### FINNAIR

**Stopover:** Helsinki, Finland  
**Maximum stay:** Five days  
**Best way to book:** (877) 757-7143 or [finnair.com](http://finnair.com)  
**Cost:** Free

#### HAWAIIAN

**Stopover:** Honolulu and other Hawaii airports  
**Maximum stay:** No limit as long as there is a flight in the computer for that date  
**Best way to book:** [hawaiianair.com](http://hawaiianair.com) or through a travel agency  
**Cost:** Free for international flights; \$60 for domestic stopovers (for example, San Francisco to Honolulu, stopover, Honolulu to Lihue, Kauai)

#### IBERIA

**Stopover:** Madrid  
**Maximum stay:** Six nights  
**Best way to book:** (800) 772-4642 or [iberia.com](http://iberia.com)  
**Cost:** Free

#### ICELANDAIR

**Stopover:** Reykjavik, Iceland  
**Maximum stay:** Seven days  
**Best way to book:** (800) 223-5500 or [icelandair.com](http://icelandair.com)  
**Cost:** Free

#### JAPAN AIR LINES

**Stopover:** Tokyo or Osaka, Japan  
**Maximum stay:** Depends on rules associated with the fare  
**Best way to book:** (800) 525-3663  
**Cost:** Free

#### QATAR

**Stopover city:** Doha, Qatar  
**Maximum stay:** 96 hours  
**Best way to book:** [qatarairways.com](http://qatarairways.com)  
**Cost:** Free. Includes a free visa and a hotel stay from \$23 per night.

#### SAS

**Stopover:** Copenhagen  
**Maximum stay:** 12 months  
**Best way to book:** (800) 221-2350 or [flysas.com](http://flysas.com)  
**Cost:** Free

#### SINGAPORE AIRLINES

**Stopover:** Singapore  
**Maximum stay:** Two nights if using the hotel program  
**Best way to book:** [singaporeair.com](http://singaporeair.com)  
**Cost:** \$30 to \$46 (one-night stay) or \$151 (two-night stay including a pass to Universal Studios Singapore)

#### SWISS

**Stopover:** Zurich, Switzerland  
**Maximum stay:** Four days  
**Best way to book:** [swiss.com/stopover](http://swiss.com/stopover)  
**Cost:** Free

#### TAP AIR PORTUGAL

**Stopover:** Lisbon or Porto, Portugal  
**Maximum stay:** Five nights  
**Best way to book:** (800) 221-7370 or [at.flytap.com](http://flytap.com).  
**Cost:** Free

## DEAL OF THE WEEK

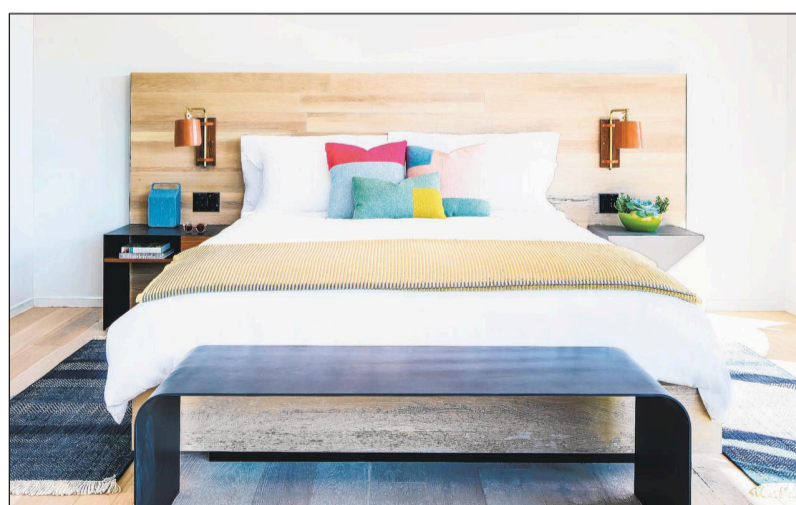
### 10% off, spa credit at new SLO hotel

Here is a good deal for those going to San Luis Obispo soon: The downtown Hotel San Luis Obispo takes 10% off room rates for travelers who want to try the new property.

The SLO Life deal at the Hotel San Luis Obispo also comes with a free bottle of wine (worth \$30) and a \$50 credit at the spa. How does this pencil out? November room prices without the discount start at \$329 a night, excluding tax. You can book now for stays Nov. 15 through Feb. 28.

Info: [hotel-slo.com](http://hotel-slo.com); [visitslo.com/sip-stay-save](http://visitslo.com/sip-stay-save)

— MARY FORGIONE



TANVEER BADAL

STAY at the new Hotel San Luis Obispo and get a 10% discount, a bottle of wine and a spa credit. The deal is for stays Nov. 15-Feb. 28.

## TOURS & CRUISES

### CANADA

## Winter in the Rockies

Get a taste of winter on a rail-and-land tour of Banff and Jasper, Canada's Rocky Mountain national parks. The Vacations by Rail tour includes nature hikes and guided excursions. The trip departs from Calgary by bus, visiting Banff and Jasper for three nights each. Highlights include ice walks, a sleigh ride and exploring glacier-carved Bow Valley, including the Cave and Basin National Historic Site. The trip concludes with an overnight train ride to Vancouver on Via Rail's Canadian and a night in Vancouver.

**Dates:** Departs Thursdays and Sundays from Dec. 5 to April 5

**Price:** From \$2,468 per person, double occupancy. Includes accommodations in Fairmont hotels, transportation and tour activities. Via Rail accommodations are in a private cabin. International airfare not included.

Info: Vacations by Rail, (877) 929-7245, [bit.ly/banffjasperswintermagic](http://bit.ly/banffjasperswintermagic) — ROSEMARY MCCLURE

### EUROPE

## Battlefield tour

Explore World War I and II battlefields on a 13-day tour that visits England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. WWII sites include the Imperial War Museum and the Churchill War Rooms and bunker in London, and Omaha Beach, Dunkirk and the Maginot Line in France. Somme, in France, and Ypres, in Belgium, are among the WWI battlefields visited.

**Dates:** April 3-15, May 15-27, June 5-17, Sept 4-16, Oct. 16-28

**Price:** From \$3,999 per person, double occupancy. Includes airfare from Newark, N.J., accommodations, 16 meals, transportation and sightseeing tours. Five percent discount for veterans and active military.

Info: SmarTours, (800) 337-7773, [bit.ly/battlefieldstour](http://bit.ly/battlefieldstour) — ANNE HARNAGEL

### EGYPT

## Tut's tomb

**EGYPT**  
 King Tut's tomb  
 All hail the king: Ancient Egypt's golden poster boy is a prime reason to visit Egypt. Now travelers can explore King Tut's tomb on a private after-hours tour with Tauck tour company. The new 10-day Jewels of the Nile cruise and tour also visits the Valley of the Kings, the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, the Temples of Isis and Horus, Luxor's Temple of Karnak and the Valley of the Queens. Other highlights include lunch in Cairo's Khan El Khalili Market and a camel ride in the shadow of the pyramids.

**Dates:** Available October to December and dates in 2021.

**Price:** From \$6,990 per person, double occupancy. Includes accommodations, transportation, most meals, on-tour flights and admission fees.

Info: Tauck, (800) 468-2825, [bit.ly/jewelsofthenile](http://bit.ly/jewelsofthenile) — ROSEMARY MCCLURE

## AIRFARES

	ATLANTA	CHICAGO	DENVER	HONOLULU	LAS VEGAS	NEW YORK/NEWARK, N.J.	PHOENIX	SAN FRANCISCO	SEATTLE	WASHINGTON, D.C.	
LAX	\$369	\$313	\$293	\$467	\$108	\$396	\$152	\$106	\$213	\$429	
SNA	387	378	334	528	136	445	170	124	251	434	
BUR	368	363	334	503	136	424	148	133	241	445	
LGB	393	343	287	468	121	372	168	108	258	389	
ONT	364	324	254	468	148	318	148	108	237	363	
INT'L	AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND*	CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO	LONDON*	PARIS*	SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA*	TOKYO*	VANCOUVER, CANADA				
LAX	\$876-\$1,379	\$299	\$491-\$1,112	\$546-\$1,277	\$900-\$1,466	\$842-\$1,327	\$168-\$306				

Restricted round-trip airfares are researched on Thursday, the day before the Travel section goes to press. Fares change daily, and availability is not assured. Fares, which may involve a change of planes, are for airlines serving Los Angeles International (LAX), Orange County/John Wayne (SNA), Burbank/Hollywood (BUR), Long Beach (LGB) and Ontario (ONT). Domestic fares and international airfares include taxes and fees. \*These international fares vary because of differing fuel surcharges on different airlines. Sources: Sabre reservation system, airlines and Web.

### \$320 TO CHINA

**Fare:** From LAX, \$320 round trip, including all taxes and fees, to Xian, China, on Hainan Airlines. **Restrictions:** Subject to availability. Tickets must be purchased by Monday. For travel Sept. 1-Oct. 4, 2020.

Info: (888) 688-8813, [bit.ly/hainanair](http://bit.ly/hainanair)  
**Source:** Airfarewatchdog.com