

American Salutes Logo and the Launch of its LGBT Travel Web Site

When planning a trip, we all welcome as many resources as possible. That's why we're excited to tell you about TripOutGayTravel.com, Logo's new site dedicated to all things travel for the LGBT community launching Friday, May 1 – and a perfect fit with our LGBT travel welcome at www.aa.com/rainbow.

TripOutGayTravel.com provides LGBT travelers with the latest on gay travel through its vast editorial features, deep destination guide content, and its claim to the web's largest LGBT travel video library. The site also invites users to recommend and comment on destinations, as well as discuss the thousands of travel listings on the site.

TripOutGayTravel.com provides a platform for travel aficionados to get informed and connect with other travel fanatics with user recommendations and a gay-friendly ratings system for travel destinations – as well as friendly links to book your trips at www.aa.com/rainbow. Additionally the site will feature a daily travel blog, extensive travel video from LOGOonline.com and editorial features such as "The World's 10 Best Gay Beaches" "Quick & Easy Romantic Road Trips" and "The Most Historic LGBT Places in the U.S."

American is proud to be a site-wide sponsor and co-sponsor of the official TripOutGayTravel.com sweepstakes where users will enter to win a trip to Fort Lauderdale. Thirty first-place winners will receive a Fort Lauderdale beach chic starter kit including a beach towel, flip flops and beach ball. Please visit the site for details and to enter to win and let's have American fly you on your way. ■

AA Comes to Washington, DC



L-R: Joe Solmonese, HRC President, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, D-NY, and George Carrancho, Rainbow Team, at HRC's Sponsor Appreciation Breakfast honoring corporations that are faithful friends and sponsors year in and year out, and recognizes their generosity and commitment to the equality principles shared with HRC. *Photo Credit: Jamie Kors.*

Wi-Fi While You're Flying Sky High

Checking your favorite blog at 30,000 feet seems impossible, but American Airlines is breaking all the rules. AA is taking its high-altitude experience with Wi-Fi out of the trial stage and has decided to install Gogo® Inflight Internet on more than 300 domestic aircraft over the next two years. For the tech-savvy or dependent LGBT traveler, Wi-Fi in the sky is a promise delivered.

Gogo turns an American Airlines flight into a Wi-Fi hotspot, enabling passengers to surf the Web, check e-mail, send instant messages, access a corporate VPN and more. Once the aircraft has reached 10,000 feet, users can simply turn on their Wi-Fi enabled devices. Prices range from \$7.95 to \$12.95 based on the length of the flight and whether the device is a handheld PDA or a laptop computer. Each paid Gogo session includes full Internet, e-mail and VPN access.

Pack up your laptop or bust out that blackberry; now is the time to fly American all over the U.S. and stay connected to work and home – and friends and partners across the nation! ■

Stay Connected with the AA Rainbow Team

If you would like to "opt-in" and receive the AA Rainbow News via email along with periodic LGBT travel updates and promotions please email your request to rainbow.team@aa.com.

Vote for Your Favorite Airline

We're so proud to be named a finalist of the 2009 Gay.com Travel Awards. Gay.com tells us that they have received countless suggestions for the five finalists in the "Favorite Airline" category, and, now you can vote for your favorite (hint – we hope it's us). Please [click here](#) to vote American Airlines as your favorite airline.



Spotlight on the Community

This spotlight focuses on our valued community partners every month – the nonprofit leaders that work every day to make all of our lives better.

Lambda Legal Awards Dinner in NYC: May 4, 2009

Any Lambda Legal event is worth celebrating and this year's Liberty Awards National Dinner is no



exception! The "flagship event" will honor Jeffrey S. Kalinsky, founder of Jeffry and the LGBT fundraiser Jeffery Fashion Cares, as well as Martha E. Stark, Commissioner of the New York City Department on Finance.

Lambda Legal is the nation's oldest and largest legal organization working for the civil rights of members of LGBT community and people with HIV/AIDS. Every year, Lambda Legal hosts award galas, garden parties, intimate dinner and other events. The national organization also holds educational forums, seminars and rallies. Lambda Legal works towards creating a society that is diverse and tolerant. Its work should be applauded and supported.

American is proud to be a national sponsor of Lambda Legal and supports its mission to be an advocate for the LGBT community through litigation, education and public policy work. Our very own Michelle Peak was recently elected to serve on Lambda Legal's Board of Directors. Peak is a Senior Labor Attorney at American Airlines with extensive experience as a labor union liaison.

The 2009 Liberty Awards National Dinner will take place on Monday, May 4 from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. at Pier 60, Chelsea Piers in New York City. For more information and to purchase your tickets to the event, please contact Jennifer Kunin at 212-249-6188 and RSVP by April 30. Log onto www.aa.com/rainbow and book your ticket with Business ExtrAA # 541544. ■

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DIFFA/Dallas Collection: 'Utopia' on May 2, 2009

If you've got a passion for fashion, you need to log onto aa.com/rainbow and book your tickets to Dallas for the DIFFA/Dallas Collection event. On May 2, 2009, the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS, DIFFA/Dallas, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Collection, DIFFA/Dallas' largest annual fundraiser and signature event, held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel.



Jacket by Rob Bradford from 2008

DIFFA raises and grants funds to organizations which fight HIV/AIDS. DIFFA/Dallas is the Foundation's largest and most successful chapter in the country, and says it has granted more than \$4 million to AIDS service organizations in the North Texas area.

The 20th anniversary gala-event, Utopia, is being co-chaired by trustees Mark Stafford and John Ahren. Also, former Style Council Ambassador and longtime Foundation supporter Ana Pettus will serve as honorary chair.

DIFFA/Dallas Collection is widely known as one of the most outrageous and over-the-top charitable events of the year. You won't want to miss the auction of more than 100 Arizona denim jackets from JC Penney, which have been redesigned, restructured and reworked into unforgettable works of wearable art.

The dinner also includes a spectacular state-of-the-art runway show that your inner fashion diva won't want to miss. Also check out the live and silent auctions that will take place throughout the evening.

"We all dream of a perfect world, a Utopia, where HIV and AIDS does not exist. DIFFA/Dallas 20th Anniversary Collection: Utopia will honor those we have lost, but also give us a glimpse ahead to a wonderful place free of this disease," says Mark Stafford.

For more information or to purchase tables or tickets, visit www.diffadallas.org/events or call 214-748-8580. ■

