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We're meeting April 30 - May 3, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans French Quarter. The theme for this year's conference is ***A Return to New Orleans: New Build, Re-Build, or Are You Planning for the Future?***

This AGTA conference in New Orleans will feature general sessions and breakout workshops taking a look at the potential best efforts to implement an airport's plan for the future, whether maintaining the best of the status quo, identifying and implementing vast changes in the future, or scrapping wholesale "what is" for "what could be". These sessions will examine the details in today's Airport Ground Transportation Plans and suggest how airports, parking, and providers can work together to develop the best plan for each unique airport.

Preliminary Agenda

Register for the meeting before April 7 to save \$100 on your registration! Use the link below to go to our registration page. Registration is available for both members and non-members.

Note: We recommend reserving your hotel room as soon as possible to secure the \$189 conference rate. Hotels are filling up fast with the Jazz Festival event occurring the same week in New Orleans. Use the link below to reserve your room.

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GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[Uber and Lyft Drivers Will Strike Outside New York's LaGuardia Airport](#) Travel Market Report - Feb. 22, 2023

Travelers flying in or out of New York's LaGuardia Airport this Sunday should be prepared to make alternative plans when it comes to ground transportation.

The New York Taxis Workers Alliance (NYTWA), which includes yellow cab, green car, black car, livery and app-dispatched drivers, announced plans for the strike this week. According to the NYTWA, the strike is due to low wages and other working conditions associated with Uber and Lyft.

The NYTWA is specifically protesting a recent restraining order issued by a judge after Uber sued the Taxis and Limousine Commission to block a 7.8% per minute drive pay increase.

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[ANA Will Operate Air Taxis To The 2025 Osaka World Expo](#) Simple Flying - Feb. 21, 2023

[All Nippon Airways](#) will work together with leading [eVTOL](#) (electric vertical takeoff and landing) company Joby Aviation to establish flight connections between the Expo 2025 venue on Yumeshima Island and at least one location in Osaka.

Koji Shibata, CEO of ANA Holdings, said,

"The Expo 2025, Osaka, Kansai, Japan provides ANA with a global stage to demonstrate what our partnership together with Joby can deliver. As Japan's largest airline with 70 years of experience delivering safe and reliable flights to customers, being selected for this prestigious opportunity underscores our dedication to bringing together innovation and operational experience to showcase this revolutionary new service."

Around 28 million people are expected to visit the Expo between April and October 2025. The demonstration flights will be part of the Expo's Smart Mobility section, which will have its own vertiport - other eVTOL operators during the Expo will include Japan Airways, Marubeni and SkyDrive.

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[Amazon's self-driving unit Zoox puts driverless taxi on road](#)

Longview News-Journal - Feb. 22, 2023

Zoox, Amazon's self-driving unit, has hit the road with its driverless robotaxi for the first time.

Founded in 2014, Zoox has been working to develop a fully autonomous vehicle that caters to the ride-hailing population. Just like a customer could call an Uber, Lyft or taxi for a ride to the airport, Zoox envisions a future where customers use its app to order a ride in a vehicle that drives itself.

The robotaxi doesn't have a steering wheel, pedals or driver's seat. Instead, it relies on a network of sensors to move through a city.

Some of the autonomous technology Zoox uses has already been on public roads; the company has been testing the software and hardware in Toyota Highlanders that roam around city streets, including in Seattle. But the autonomous robotaxi hadn't hit the public road until this month.

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[FlixBus, Greyhound owner reports record revenue, forecasts 20% growth in 2023](#)

Reuters - Feb. 15, 2023

BERLIN, Feb 15 (Reuters) - Greyhound-owner Flix, which operates bus and train services in over 40 countries, on Wednesday reported its most successful year yet in 2022 with revenue of 1.5 billion euros (\$1.61 billion) and forecasted revenue growth of over 20% in 2023.

The company, which owns European intercity bus service FlixBus and also bought U.S. household name Greyhound in late 2021, is planning further expansion of its networks in Europe, North America and Turkey, and is adding Chile to its network in South America, it said.

It has already expanded its network in Europe to include Portugal, the United Kingdom and Baltic states.

Revenue grew over 185% in 2022 in comparison with the previous year, its statement said.

(\$1 = 0.9337 euros)

[Sea-Tac taxi drivers celebrate as commissioners approve 5-year program](#)

The Seattle Times - Feb. 16, 2023

Taxi drivers will continue to make a living at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport — at least for five more years.

On Tuesday, Port of Seattle commissioners unanimously [passed an order](#) that will establish a 5-year program for taxi services. The vote follows a pilot program that began in 2019 and allowed the airport to contract taxi drivers directly instead of hiring them through a third party.

"We are standing on our final battleground for survival," said driver Samson Hailegiorgis during public comment on Tuesday. "If we lose this fight, today will be the end of my 18-year career. But with you, the commissioners, we will be able to survive the next five years without anxiety."

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[Bystanders, first responders honored for giving life-saving CPR to man on Sea-Tac shuttle](#)

King5.com - Feb. 17, 2023

SEATTLE — Bystanders and first responders were honored by the [Port of Seattle](#) Friday for saving a man's life while traveling on a shuttle at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport last month.

On Jan. 2, the man, Mark Schroeder, collapsed on the shuttle while suffering a cardiac arrest. A woman sitting next to Schroeder noticed he was slumped over and began alerting people around her.

"I grabbed his wrist and he felt really clammy and cold. So, I tried to feel his pulse on his wrist. I wasn't getting anything, he kind of slumped over. We as a group decided it was a good idea to bring him off the bus," said Samuel Cason, a Naval aircrewman.

A retired EMT began chest compressions, according to Cason, who also gave Schroeder chest compressions until first responders came.

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[10 Cities To Visit With The Cheapest Parking In The US](#) **The Travel** - Feb. 20, 2023

Parking can be one of the most frustrating parts of planning a trip, especially when visiting a big city like New York. But this could get easier if one makes use of the tips and tricks on how to navigate through a city's parking system. The good news? Most parking in the United States is free or cheap, and vacationers can easily find spots in storefronts and other shopping areas. However, being the cheapest options, they usually get filled up pretty fast. Fortunately, there are many other options to consider, which vary in price, depending on location. In some cities' parking is less expensive than in others. Here are the 10 cities to visit with the cheapest parking in the US.

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['It should be easier:' Travelers wait hours in line to rent cars at Orlando International Airport](#) **Click Orlando** - Feb. 15, 2023

ORLANDO, Fla. – Travelers heading to Orlando over the weekend were greeted by lengthy queues from several rental car companies at Orlando International Airport.

Lashon McAllister and her friends were in town from Baltimore to celebrate her birthday, but instead of rushing into the festivities, they waited in long lines to get their rental car.

"It is a horrible way to start my birthday trip," McAllister said. "I've got anxiety, I'm ready to go I want to leave here."

McAllister said it wasn't the first time she's run into this problem at MCO.

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[Local man pleads guilty for stealing cars from Pittsburgh International Airport rental lot](#) **Yahoo! News** - Feb. 22, 2023

A man from Coraopolis pleaded guilty for stealing two dozen cars from a rental parking lot at Pittsburgh International Airport in 2021.

According to the Department of Justice, Bernard Washington, 31, admitted that he worked as a contractor for the Hertz Rent a Car at the airport between May and July. During that time and into October when he stopped working there, he and co-conspirators got into the Hertz parking lot and stole around 24 vehicles in exchange for money.

At least three of the stolen cars were taken across state lines, including to Maryland, Virginia and Delaware. Washington also received at least two stolen cars from a co-conspirator, one of which crossed state lines after being stolen, officials said.

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[ARway Corp. Lands AR Navigation Pilot Contract With South America's Largest Car Rental Company](#)

Access Wire - Feb. 22, 2023

TORONTO, ON - [ARway Corporation](#) ("ARway" or the "Company") is an AI powered Augmented Reality Navigation platform with a disruptive no-code, no beacon spatial computing solution enabled by visual marker tracking with centimetre precision. ARway is pleased to announce it has won a pilot contract with the largest car rental network in South America, with over 452 locations. The AR navigation will initially be for travellers renting cars in branches located in airports and off airport locations.

The Airport navigation is set to officially launch in Q2 2023, and once launched travellers from all over the world will be able to experience the convenience and ease of ARway navigation.

ARway charges \$600-\$10,000 depending on the size of the pilot. After the pilot is completed (30-90 days) the company charges \$30,000/ annum plus .01/ sq ft.

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[32-year-old brings in up to \\$14,000 a month by renting his cars to strangers—here's how](#)

CNBC - Feb. 15, 2023

Andrei Echeverria isn't your average car enthusiast: In 2019, he turned his hobby of fixing up cars and trading them for flashier models into a lucrative side hustle.

Echeverria, 32, brings in up to \$14,000 per month renting his six vehicles out to strangers in Boston on the rental platform Turo, according to documents reviewed by CNBC Make It.

The side hustle started with one car, a great location and some clever strategy. Echeverria lives mere miles from Boston Logan International Airport, and capitalizes by undercutting the prices of nearby car rental companies.

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[Cheap Car Rentals](#)

Jalopnik - Feb. 17, 2023

With so many options available, it can be challenging to know how to find the cheapest car rentals. Should you get a car from an agency directly or use a travel site like Expedia? That's why we've compared the best rental car companies and taken a close look at popular travel websites. In this article, we'll lay out the five cheapest rental agencies and five cheapest travel sites for rental cars to help you in your search.

There are some perks to using a rental car agency directly. You can get reward points for multiple reservations and you know all the taxes, fees, and deposit requirements ahead of time. You also deal directly with the company for booking and customer service issues. You may be able to get car rental deals when you're part of a company's email list, as well.

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[Uber unveils a new redesigned app that's personalized to you](#)

Fast Company - Feb. 22, 2023

Customers hailing a ride or looking to have some food delivered via Uber are seeing a new look starting today.

For the first time in more than six years, [Uber](#) has given its app a broad overhaul, incorporating all of its services—including Uber Eats, grocery delivery, and e-bike rental—and letting passengers track their ride. It's the first in a series of improvements, the company says, that aim to make the service more personalized.

"The business has really changed from one key product to now, where we have over 20 products developed," Jen You, Uber's head of product for rides, told *Fast Company*. "We're redefining what it means, as a verb, to Uber. It can mean getting a ride or getting dinner or getting flowers or pet food delivered. It means something different to everyone."

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[How Much Does It Cost To Rent A Tesla?](#)

J.D. Power - Feb. 16, 2023

There are many reasons why you'd look into renting a car. You probably want to drive a specific model or brand that isn't available where you live. You may want to impress your buddies when driving to a big party they're hosting or need one urgently for everyday activities because the previous one is still being repaired.

No matter your situation, specific circumstances, and emergencies require getting a rented car. Every type of vehicle has a different rent price, and several factors determine how much it would cost if you want to rent it out. So, let's get into it and see just how expensive renting a Tesla would be.

The cost of renting a car depends on various factors, including the type of car and rental service location. If you're looking to rent an expensive vehicle like a Tesla, expect to pay more in cities like Los Angeles or New York City.

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[CT Rideshare Drivers Caravan to Demand Better Pay, Negotiating Power](#)

NBC Connecticut - Feb. 15, 2023

Connecticut rideshare drivers are demanding change from Uber and Lyft.

They formed a 50-car caravan Wednesday and drove to the Legislative Office Building in Hartford to voice their concerns about pay, safety and negotiating power.

Some state lawmakers and Lyft are responding to the issues the drivers are raising.

Dozens of rideshare drivers gathered near Bradley Airport.

"Without drivers, Uber is just an app," one rideshare driver said, holding a sign.

They formed a caravan, honking as they drove down I-91 and made a lap around the state capitol. The drivers then moved on the Legislative Office Building where they went inside to speak to state lawmakers with the Transportation and Labor & Public Employees Committees.

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[Savannah Uber drivers experiencing issues with company software](#)

WTOC.com - Feb. 19, 2023

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Numerous Uber drivers in our area are reporting problems with the rideshare company's software.

The issue? Drivers say the option to pick up passengers has disappeared from their app causing delays and frustrations for many.

The queue for rideshare drivers near Savannah-Hilton Head airport sits mostly empty Sunday.

Uber driver Stan Robbins says the lot would typically be filled but tech support told him a problem with the company's app is keeping drivers off the road.

"The last update, or whatever they did, there's some kind of glitch in there and they're trying to track it down. It's the entire area over here," Uber Driver Stan Robbins said.

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AIRPORT NEWS

[San Antonio to Expand Its Airport by 2028](#)

Meetings Net - Feb. 17, 2023

Right before Kansas City [opens a new airport on February 28](#), the city council of San Antonio unveiled renderings of its own airport-upgrade project.

A new, 832,000-square-foot terminal for San Antonio International Airport is in the works for a mid-2028 opening. It will be larger than the airport's other two terminals combined and provide 16 more gates, bringing the total number of gates at the airport to 40. Further, it will accommodate larger planes that can travel longer distances, something long desired by the local business community, according to [this article by Texas Public Radio](#).

The new space will include club lounges, an outdoor courtyard, concessions, and an upgraded corridor for international arrivals to go through customs and border inspection. The plan also calls for a new ground-transportation hub for bus transportation services such as Lyft and Uber.

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[Phoenix mayor: "Sky Harbor busiest airport in the world on Monday"](#)

ABC 15 Arizona - Feb. 16, 2023

PHOENIX — Phoenix city officials said Monday was the biggest travel day in the history of Sky Harbor. They estimate around 200,000 passengers passed through the gates.

Mayor Kate Gallego held a press conference with the CEO of Valley Metro and the director of aviation services at Sky Harbor where she lauded the work of employees handling the massive volumes of traffic.

"We were the busiest airport in the country," she said. "U.S. airports are the busiest in the world, so we believe we were the busiest airport for outbound traffic in the world on Monday."

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[Travel Lens ranks RSW No. 1 airport in U.S.](#)

Marco Eagle News - Feb. 21, 2023

Best beaches. Best golf courses. Best restaurants to watch a sunset. Southwest Florida has been recognized in various ways for all of these topics.

How does "Best airport in the U.S." sound? You can add that accolade to the list of superlatives for our corner of the world after Travel Lens announced recently that Fort Myers' Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) is the No. 1 airport in the country based on its four-category analysis.

Travel Lens is digital publication dedicated to featuring high-quality travel articles about worldwide destinations, best hotels, restaurants, cafes, bars, and airports.

RSW is one of more than 5,000 public airports in the U.S., according to Travel Lens. Travel Lens pitted the 50 busiest U.S. airports against each other to reveal the best in the country based on a range of factors, including wait times, passenger satisfaction levels, a Google review rating and CO2 emissions.

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[World's busiest airport saw nearly 94 million passengers last year](#)

11Alive.com - Feb. 20, 2023

ATLANTA — [Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport](#) will likely reign as the busiest [once again](#) after seeing nearly 94 million passengers last year.

Airport leaders released its 2022 traveler data Monday, saying the airport saw an increase in travelers, concessions revenue, and construction activity. With the airport growing larger and seeing more people, it's expected to keep its moniker as the [world's busiest airport](#).

Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens described the airport as the city's "crown jewel and the economic engine for the Southeast," according to a news release.

"As the busiest airport in the world, Hartsfield-Jackson connects our residents to the world, and brings a world of opportunities to our doorstep," he said in a prepared statement.

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[New Charlotte airport parking option saves you time, money and hassle, officials say](#)

Charlotte Observer - Feb. 18, 2023

Charlotte airport officials on Thursday announced a new parking option they say will save passengers time and money and hassles when finding a space.

Starting March 1 for arrivals, securing parking spaces from March 23 forward will only be available by booking online for the new Express Deck Self-Park, officials said on Twitter and CLTAirport.com.

The deck was formerly known as Express Deck 2.

Customers can book online at parkCLT.com and on the CLT Airport app.

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[Got questions about parking at KCI Airport's new terminal? The Star has answers](#)

Kansas City Star - Feb. 16, 2023

Air travelers will begin to depart and arrive from the new terminal at Kansas City International Airport in just a couple weeks.

That has some wondering what the parking situation will be like for travelers starting with the Feb. 28 opening day.

The "drive to your gate" convenience of the outmoded horseshoe-shaped terminals will be gone, but a large parking garage is not that far away — just across the departures road from the new terminal.

At seven-stories high, the parking garage has 6,219 spaces, including 85 handicapped accessible spots and 52 electric vehicle charging stations.

Valet parking will be offered by entering Level Three of the garage from the departures road.

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[International Airport Parking Prices](#)

Peter Greenberg Worldwide – Feb. 15, 2023

If you really want to try tracking inflation, cost out the price of airport parking.

And the cost to leave your car at the airport when you fly has skyrocketed.

Want to park your car in Doha, Qatar? Fasten your seat belt. It's nearly \$280 a week, followed by London — \$263 a week and Barcelona at \$212.

There's an argument for mass transit right there. Are there any airports with affordable parking?

There are none in the U.S., but if you happen to be driving overseas, there are still a few bargains.

Try the international airport in Manila at \$40 a week, Rome at \$32 a week, and then Bangkok at just \$28 a week.

[Former Denver airport director sues city for alleged pay discrimination, retaliation](#)

The Colorado Sun - Feb. 16, 2023

A federal lawsuit filed Monday against the City and County of Denver alleges Denver International Airport leaders retaliated against a director there after he raised concerns that he and other people of color working for the airport's parking and transportation department were paid less than their white peers.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Denver, says city officials — including Mayor Michael Hancock, airport CEO Phillip Washington and Winfred Hensley, the former senior vice president of parking — failed to address the complaints made by the plaintiff, Benjamin Juarez, the airport's former director of parking.

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